

# M/EEG source analysis

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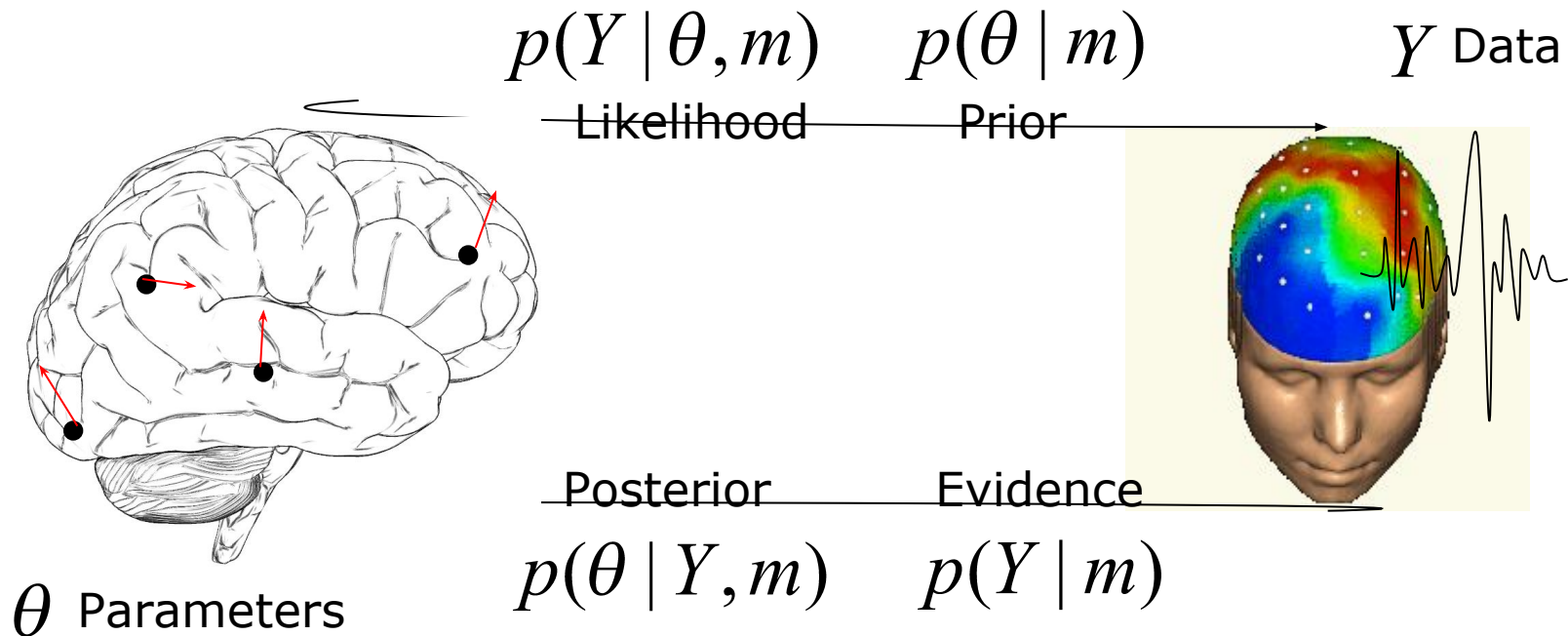
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## Forward Problem

$m$  Model

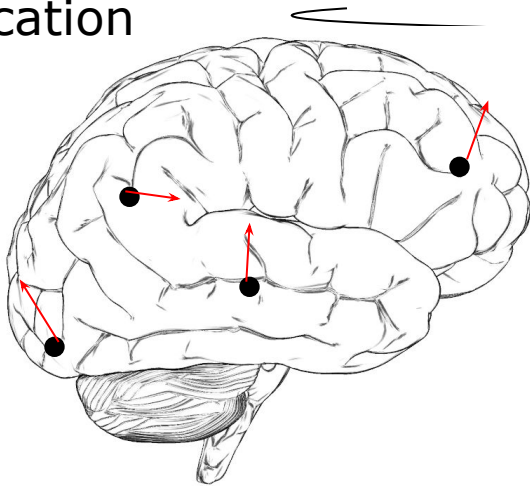


## Inverse Problem

# Forward Problem: Physics

Current density:

$\nabla$   
 $j$  Orientation  
 $r$  Location



Kirkoff's law:

$$\nabla \cdot j = 0$$

Electrical potential

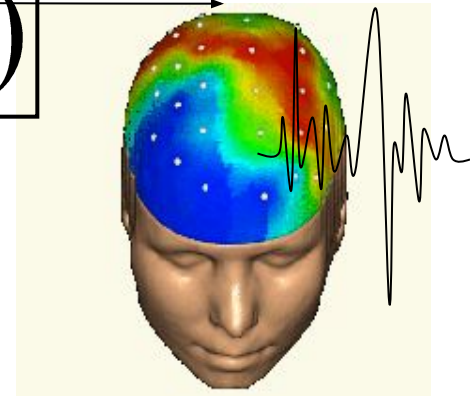
$$E = -\nabla\Phi$$

Likelihood

$$Y = f(j, r)$$

Quasi-static  
 Maxwell's Equations:

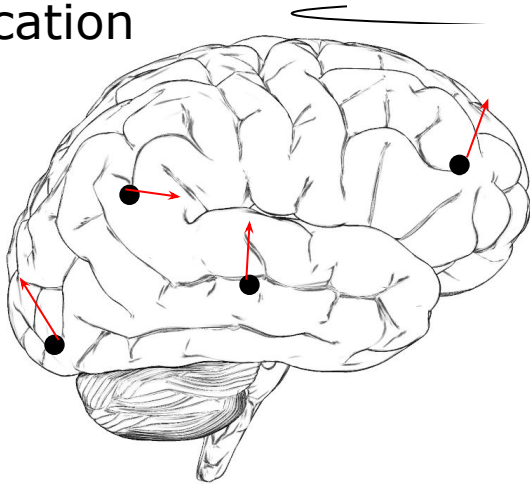
$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot E &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \\ \nabla \times E &= 0 \\ \nabla \cdot B &= 0 \\ \nabla \times B &= \mu j \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} Y &= \Phi \text{ (EEG)} \\ Y &= B \text{ (MEG)} \end{aligned}$$

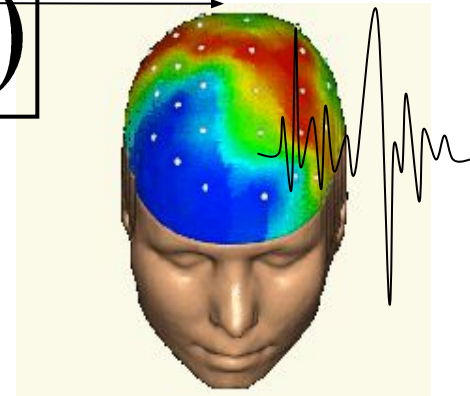
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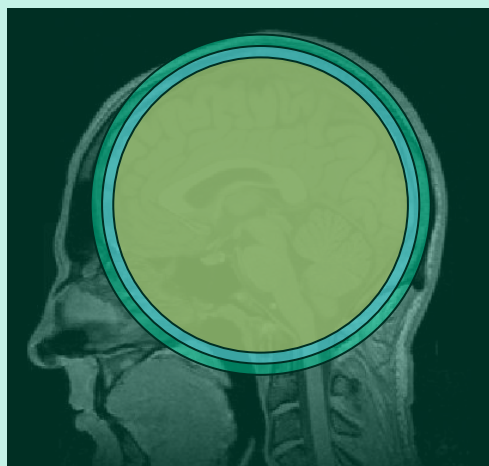
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$f$  depends on: location (orientation) of sensors  
 geometry of head  
 conductivity of head  
 (source space)

Can have analytic or numerical form...



## Concentric Spheres:

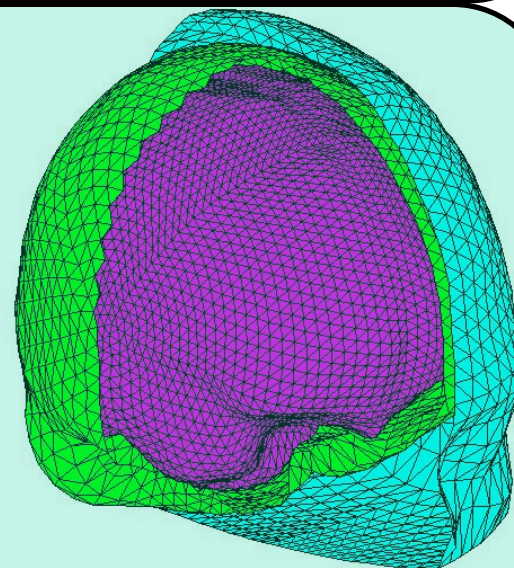
Pros: Analytic; Fast to compute

Cons: Head not spherical; Conductivity not homogeneous

## Boundary (or Finite) Element Models:

Pros: Realistic geometry  
Homogeneous conductivity within boundaries

Cons: Numeric; Slow  
Approximation Errors



Other approaches (for MEG): Fit local spheres to each sensor;  
Single shell, spherical approx (Nolte)

# Forward Problem: Meshes

3 important surfaces for BEMs are those with large changes in conductivity:

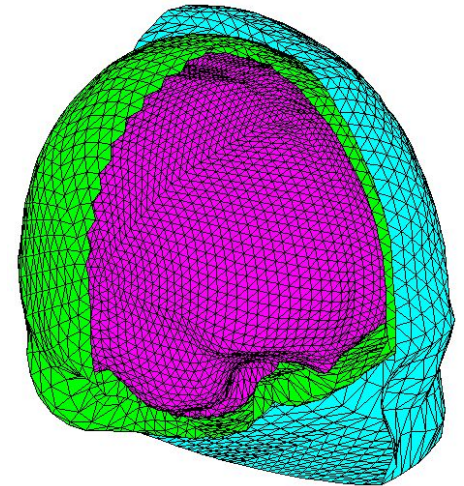
Scalp (skin-air boundary)

Outer Skull (bone-skin boundary)

Inner Skull (CSF-bone boundary)

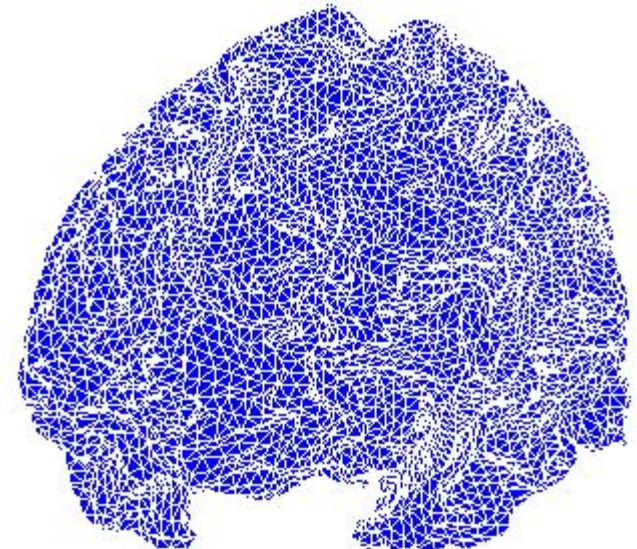
(Represented as tessellated triangular meshes)

Extracting these surfaces from an MRI is difficult, eg, because CSF-bone T1-contrast is poor (use PD?)...



A fourth important surface (for some solutions) is:  
Cortex (WM-GM boundary)

Extracting this surface from an MRI is very difficult because so convoluted (though FreeSurfer)...

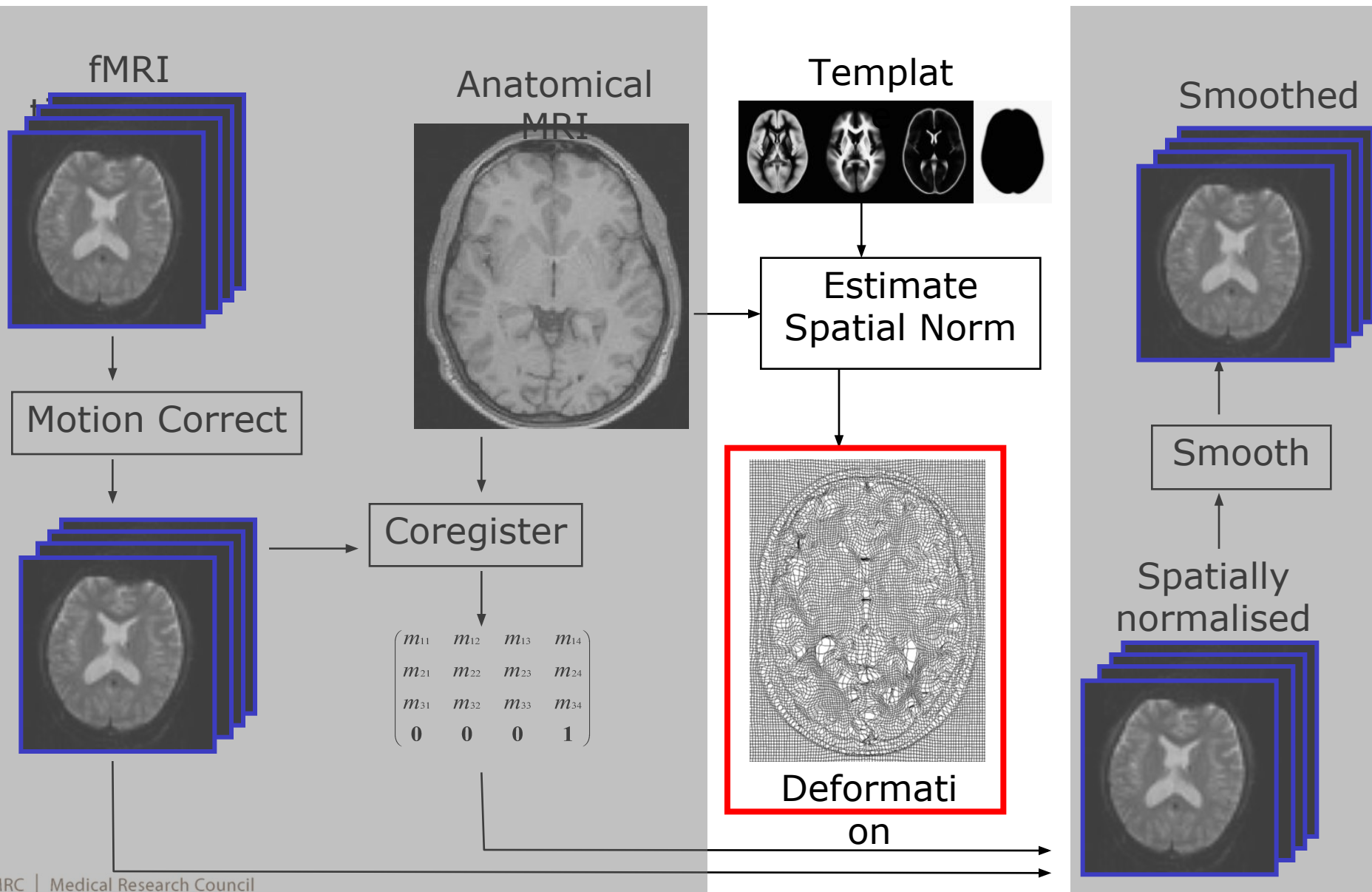




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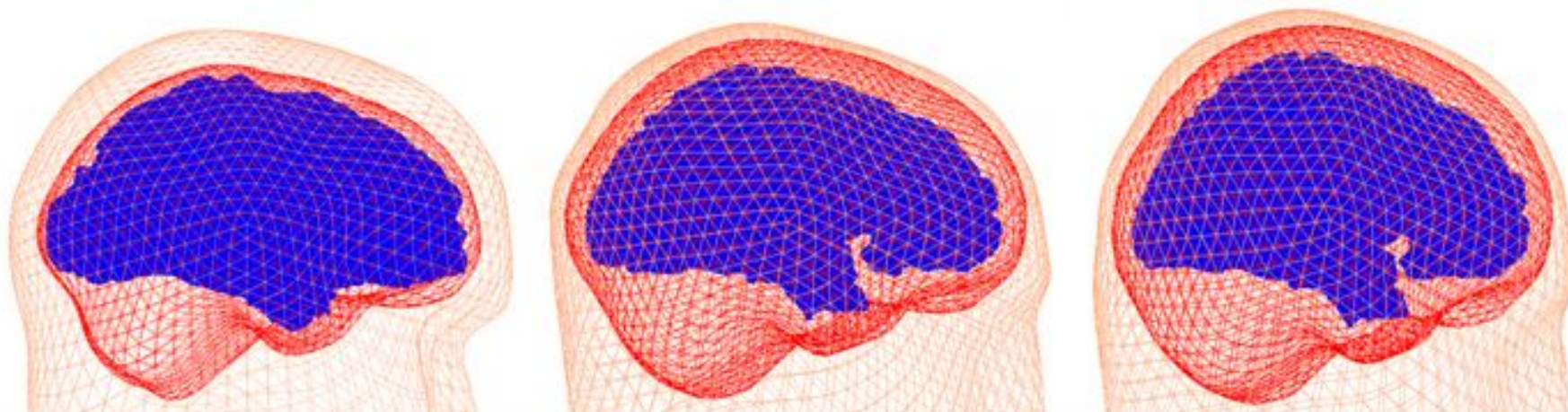
# Recap: (Spatial Normalisation)



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*Mattout et al (2007), Comp Int & Neuro*



Individual

Canonical  
(Inverse-Normalised)

Template

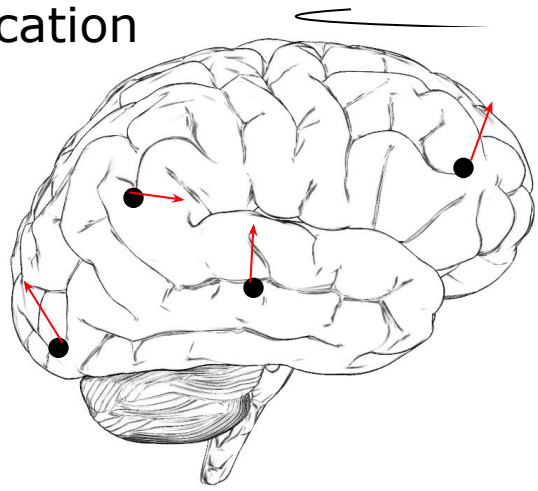
(Also provides a 1-to-1 mapping across subjects, so source solutions can be written directly to MNI space, and group-inversion applied; see later)

Given that surfaces are part of the forward model ( $m$ ), can use the model evidence  $p(Y | m)$  to determine whether Canonical Meshes are sufficient

*Henson et al (2009), Neuroimage*

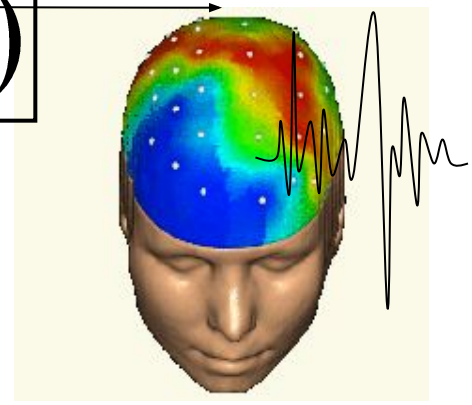
# Forward Problem: ECD vs Distributed

$j$  Orientation  
 $r$  Location



Likelihood

$$Y = f(j, r)$$



For small number of Equivalent Current Dipoles (ECD) anywhere in brain:  
 is linear  $f$  in  $j$  but non-linear in  $r$

$$Y = f(r)j$$

For (large) number of (Distributed) dipoles with fixed orientation and location:  
 is linear  $f$  in  $r$

$$Y = F([r_1 r_2 \dots r_N])J$$

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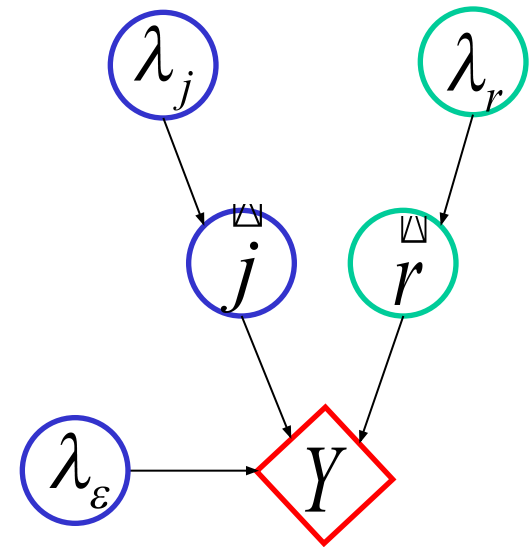
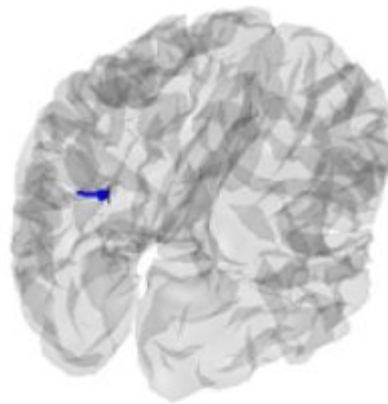
# Inverse Problem: VB-ECD

Standard ECD approaches iterate location/orientation (within a brain volume) until fit to sensor data is maximised (i.e, error minimised). But:

1. Local Minima (particularly when multiple dipoles)
2. Question of how many dipoles?

With a Variational Bayesian (VB) framework, priors can be put on the locations and orientations (and strengths) of dipoles (e.g, symmetry constraints)

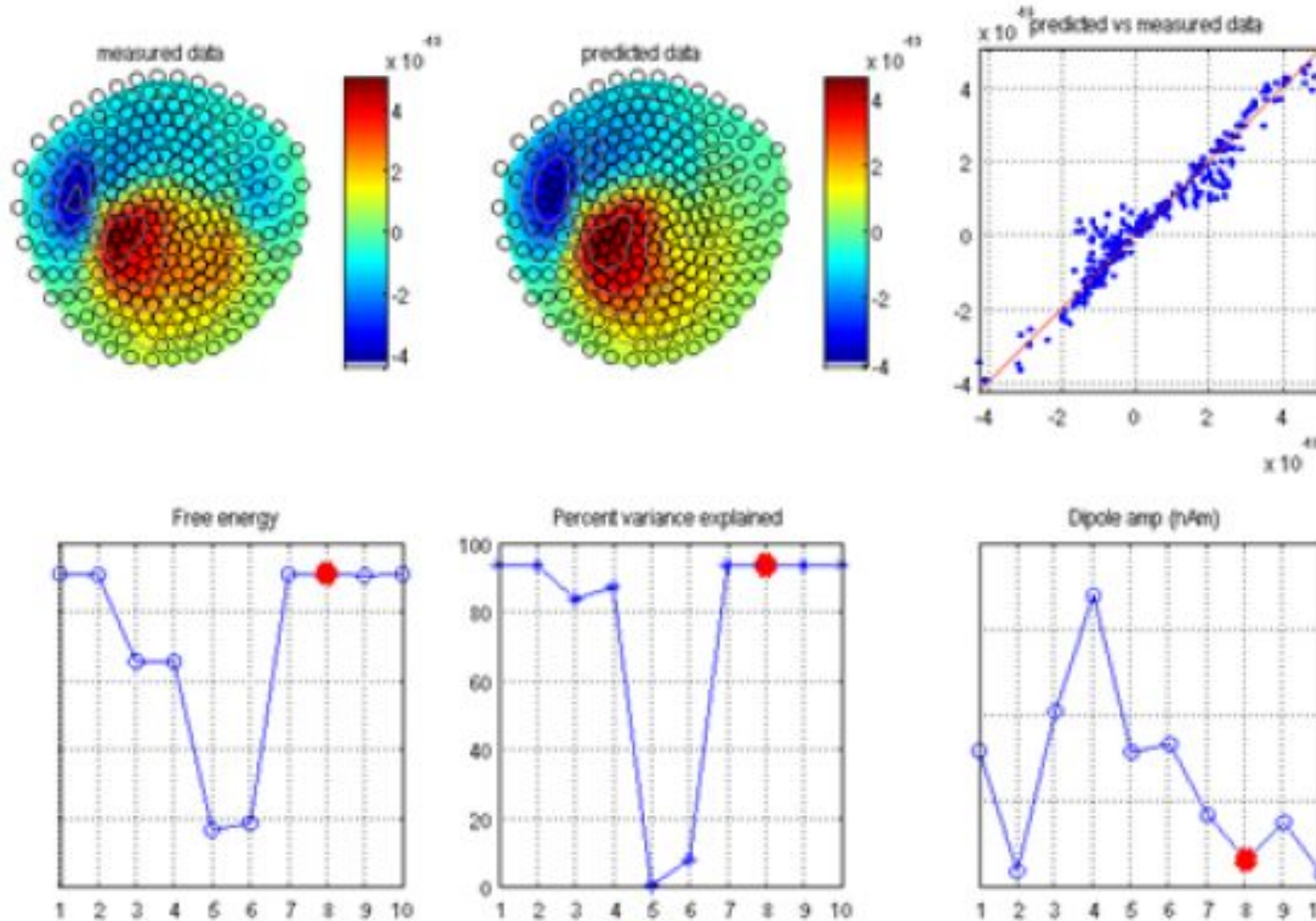
$$Y = f(r)j + e$$



$$p(r, j, \lambda_r, \lambda_j, \lambda_e | m) = p(Y | r, j, \lambda_e, m) p(\lambda_e | m) p(r | \lambda_r, m) p(\lambda_r | m) p(j | \lambda_j, m) p(\lambda_j | m)$$

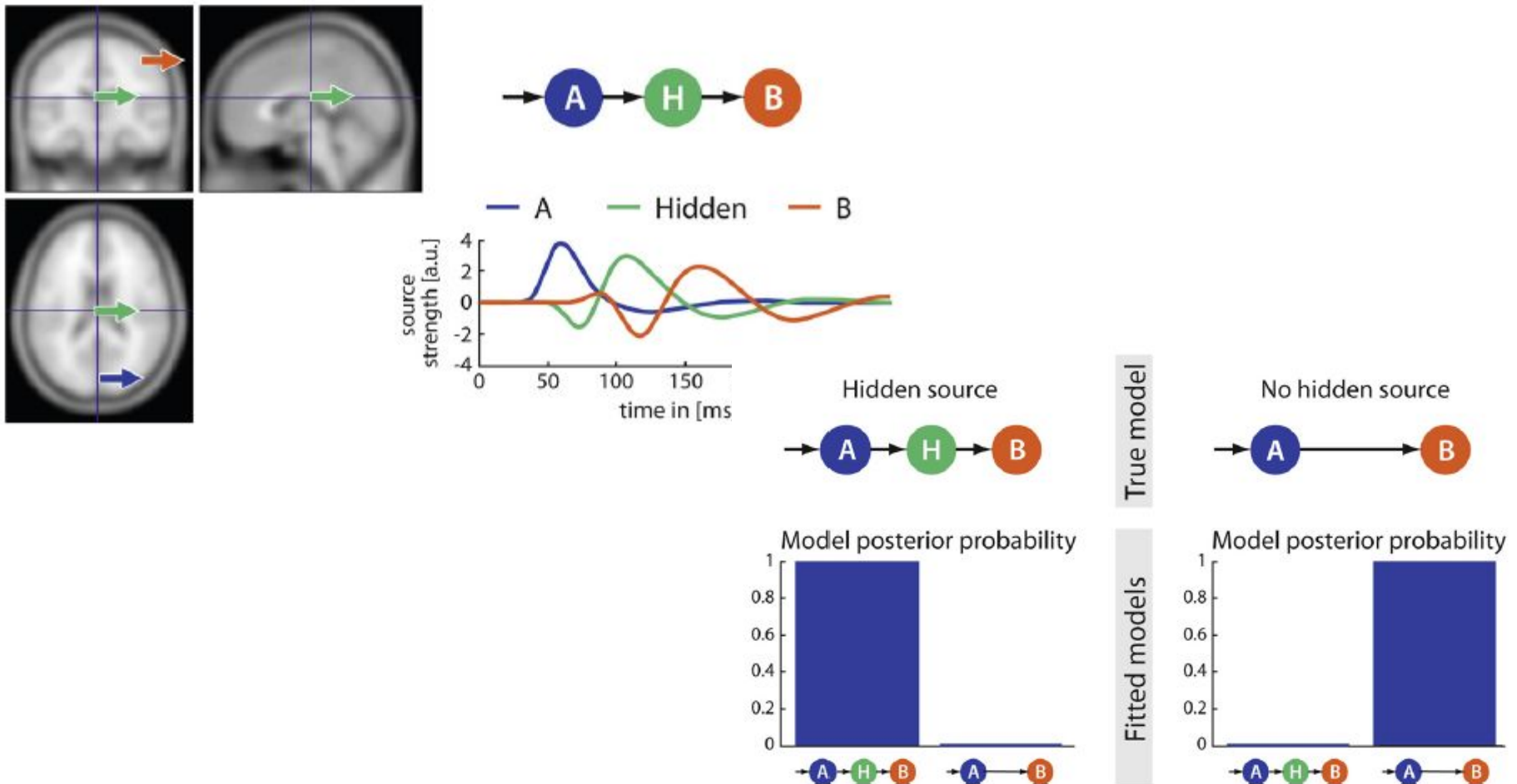
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Maximising the (free-energy approximation to the) model evidence  $p(Y | m)$  offers a natural answer to question of the number of dipoles



# Inverse Problem: DCM

Dynamic Causal Modelling (DCM) can be seen as a source localisation (inverse) method that includes temporal constraints on the source activities





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# Inverse Problem: Distributed

Given  $p$  sources fixed in location (e.g, on a cortical mesh)...

...linear Forward Model for MEG/EEG:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{LJ} + \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{E} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}^{(e)})$$

$\mathbf{Y}$  = Data  $n$  sensors

$\mathbf{J}$  = Sources  $p \gg n$  sources

$\mathbf{L}$  = Leadfields  $n$  sensors  $\times$   $p$  sources

$\mathbf{E}$  = Error  $n$  sensors...

...draw from Gaussian covariance  $\mathbf{C}^{(e)}$

(Free orientations can be simulated by having 2-3 columns in  $\mathbf{L}$  per location)

Fact that  $p \gg n$  means under-determined problem (cf. GLM and ECD)...  
...so some form of regularisation needed, e.g, "Weighted L2-norm"...

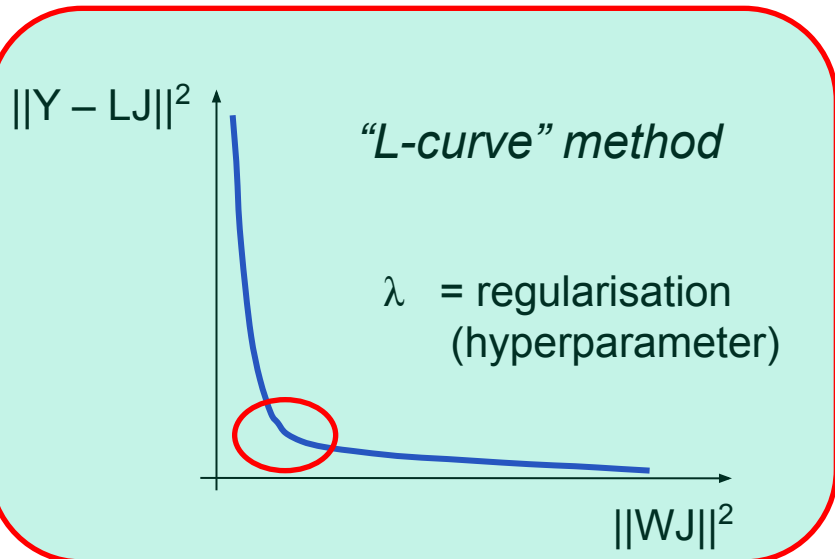
# Inverse Problem: Standard **L2**-norm

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{E} \quad \mathbf{E} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{C}^{(e)})$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \arg \min \left\{ \left\| \mathbf{C}^{(e)-1/2} (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{L}\mathbf{J}) \right\|^2 + \lambda \left\| \mathbf{W}\mathbf{J} \right\|^2 \right\}$$

$$= (\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T [\mathbf{L} (\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T + \lambda \mathbf{C}^{(e)}]^{-1} \mathbf{Y}$$

“Tikhonov Solution”



- $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}$  “Minimum Norm”
- $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{D}^T$  “Loreta” ( $\mathbf{D}$ =Laplacian)
- $\mathbf{W} = \text{diag}(\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{L})^{-1}$  “Depth-Weighted”
- $\mathbf{W}_p = \text{diag}(\mathbf{L}_p^T \mathbf{C}_y^{-1} \mathbf{L}_p)^{-1}$  “Beamformer”
- $\mathbf{W} = \boxtimes$

# Inverse Problem: Equivalent PEB

Parametric Empirical Bayesian (PEB) 2-level hierarchical form:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{L}\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{E}^{(e)} \quad \mathbf{E}^{(e)} \sim N(0, \mathbf{C}^{(e)})$$

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{0} + \mathbf{E}^{(j)} \quad \mathbf{E}^{(j)} \sim N(0, \mathbf{C}^{(j)})$$

$\mathbf{C}^{(e)} = n \times n$  Sensor (error)  
covariance

$\mathbf{C}^{(j)} = p \times p$  Source (prior) covariance

Likelihood:

$$p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{J}) = N(\mathbf{L}\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{C}^{(e)})$$

Prior:

$$p(\mathbf{J}) = N(0, \mathbf{C}^{(j)})$$

Posterior:

$$p(\mathbf{J} | \mathbf{Y}) \propto p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{J})p(\mathbf{J})$$

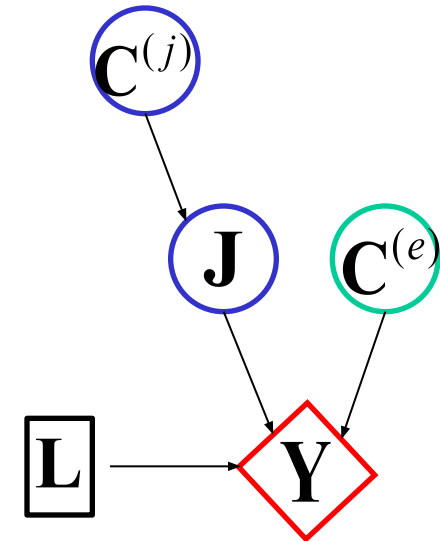
Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) estimate:

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}} = \mathbf{C}^{(j)}\mathbf{L}^T [\mathbf{L}\mathbf{C}^{(j)}\mathbf{L}^T + \mathbf{C}^{(e)}]^{-1} \mathbf{Y}$$

cf Classical Tikhonov:

$$(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T [\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W})^{-1} \mathbf{L}^T + \lambda \mathbf{C}^{(e)}]^{-1} \mathbf{Y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{C}^{(j)} = (\mathbf{W}^T \mathbf{W})^{-1}$$



# Inverse Problem: Covariance Components (Priors)

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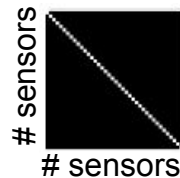
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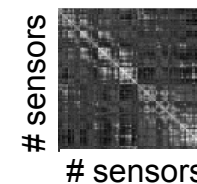
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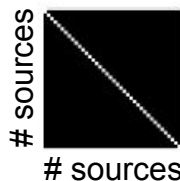


Empty-room:



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Multiple Sparse  
Priors (MSP):



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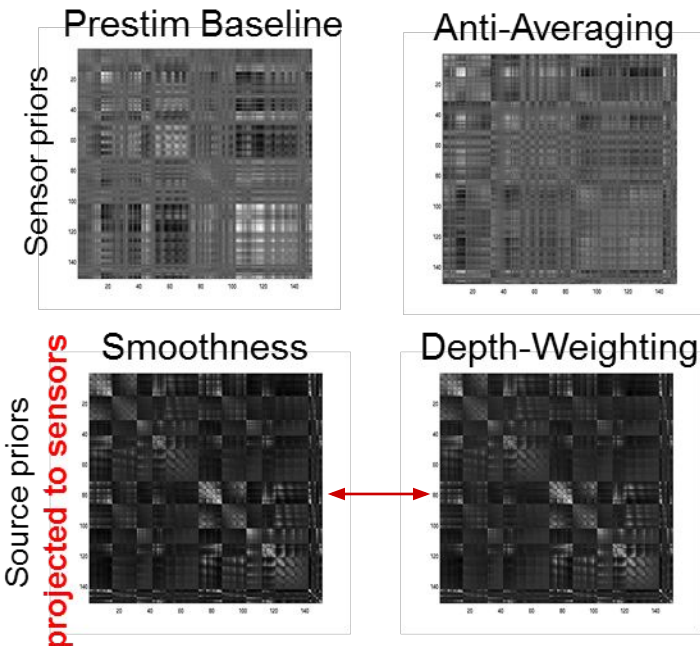
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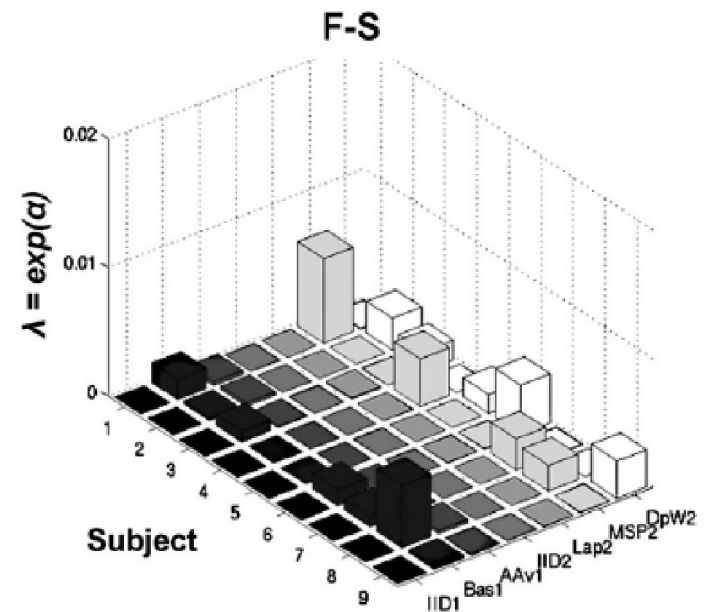
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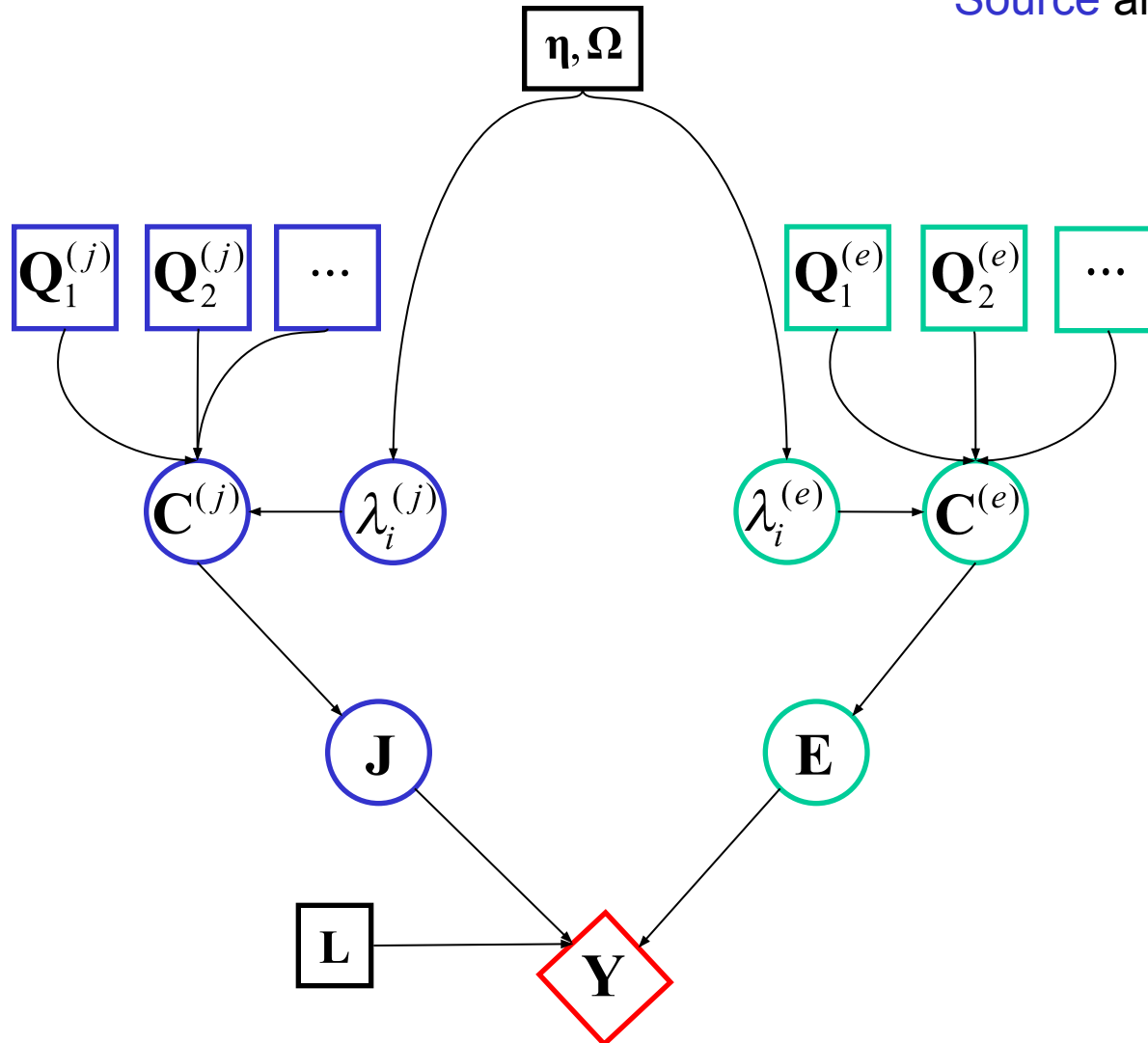


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# Inverse Problem: Full (DAG) model

Source and sensor space



□ Fixed

○ Variable

◇ Data



# Inverse Problem: Estimation

1. Obtain Restricted Maximum Likelihood (ReML) estimates of the hyperparameters ( $\lambda$ ) by maximising the variational “free energy” ( $F$ ):

$$\hat{\lambda} = \max_{\lambda} p(\mathbf{Y} | \lambda) = \max_{\lambda} F$$

2. Obtain Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) estimates of parameters (sources,  $\mathbf{J}$ ):

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}} = \max_{\mathbf{J}} p(\mathbf{J} | \mathbf{Y}, \hat{\lambda}) = \max_{\mathbf{J}} F$$

3. Maximal  $F$  approximates Bayesian (log) “model evidence” for a model,  $m$ :

$$\ln p(\mathbf{Y} | m) \approx \ln \int \int p(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{J}, \Sigma | m) d\mathbf{J} d\Sigma \approx F(\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mathbf{J}}, \hat{\Sigma}) \quad m = \{\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{Q}, \dots\}$$

$$F(\mathbf{Y}, \Sigma, \hat{\lambda}) \propto \underbrace{-\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Y} | \hat{\lambda})}_{\text{Accuracy}} \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2} \ln |\hat{\Sigma}|}_{\text{Complexity}} + \frac{1}{2} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{\alpha} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1}$$

(...where  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\Sigma}$  are the posterior mean and covariance of hyperparameters)

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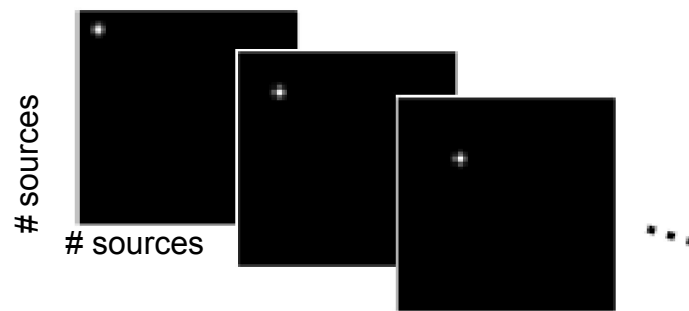
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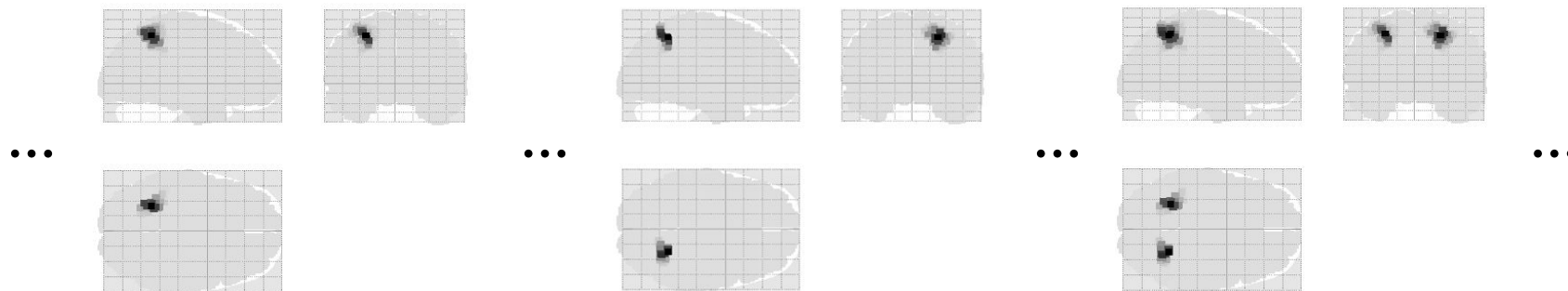


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Left patch

Right patch

Bilateral patches



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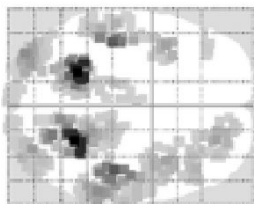
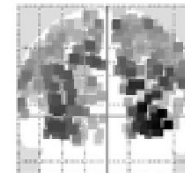
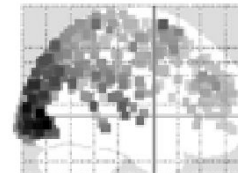
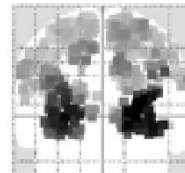
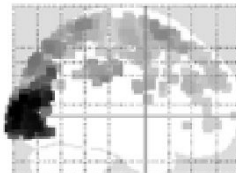
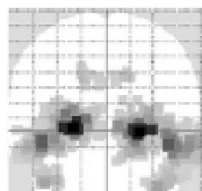
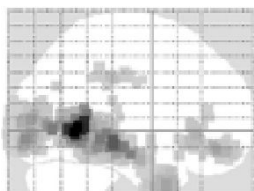
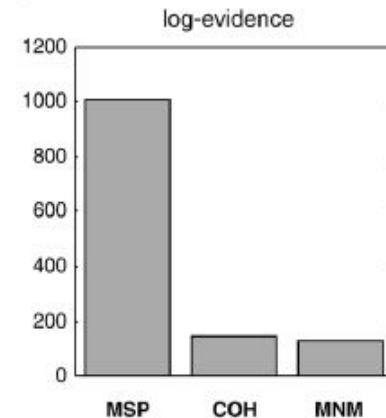
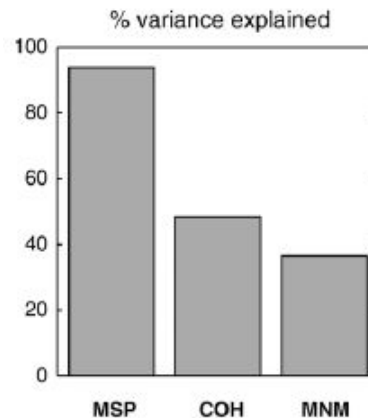
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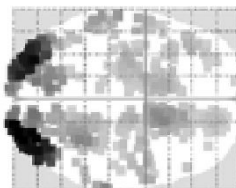
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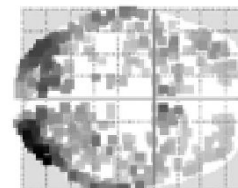
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# Inverse Problem: PEB Summary

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## Summary:

- **Automatically** “regularises” in principled fashion...
- ...allows for **multiple** constraints (priors)...
- ...to the extent that multiple (100’s) of sparse priors possible (MSP)...
- ...(or multiple error components or multiple fMRI priors)...
- ...furnishes estimates of **model evidence**, so can compare constraints

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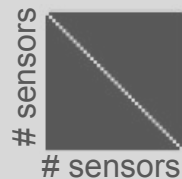
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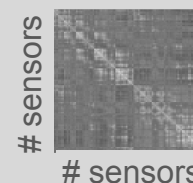
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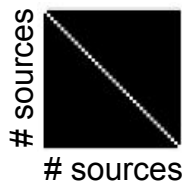


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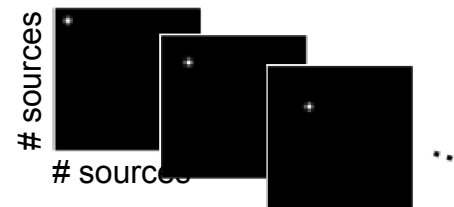


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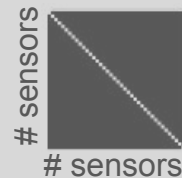
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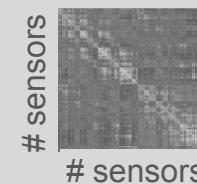
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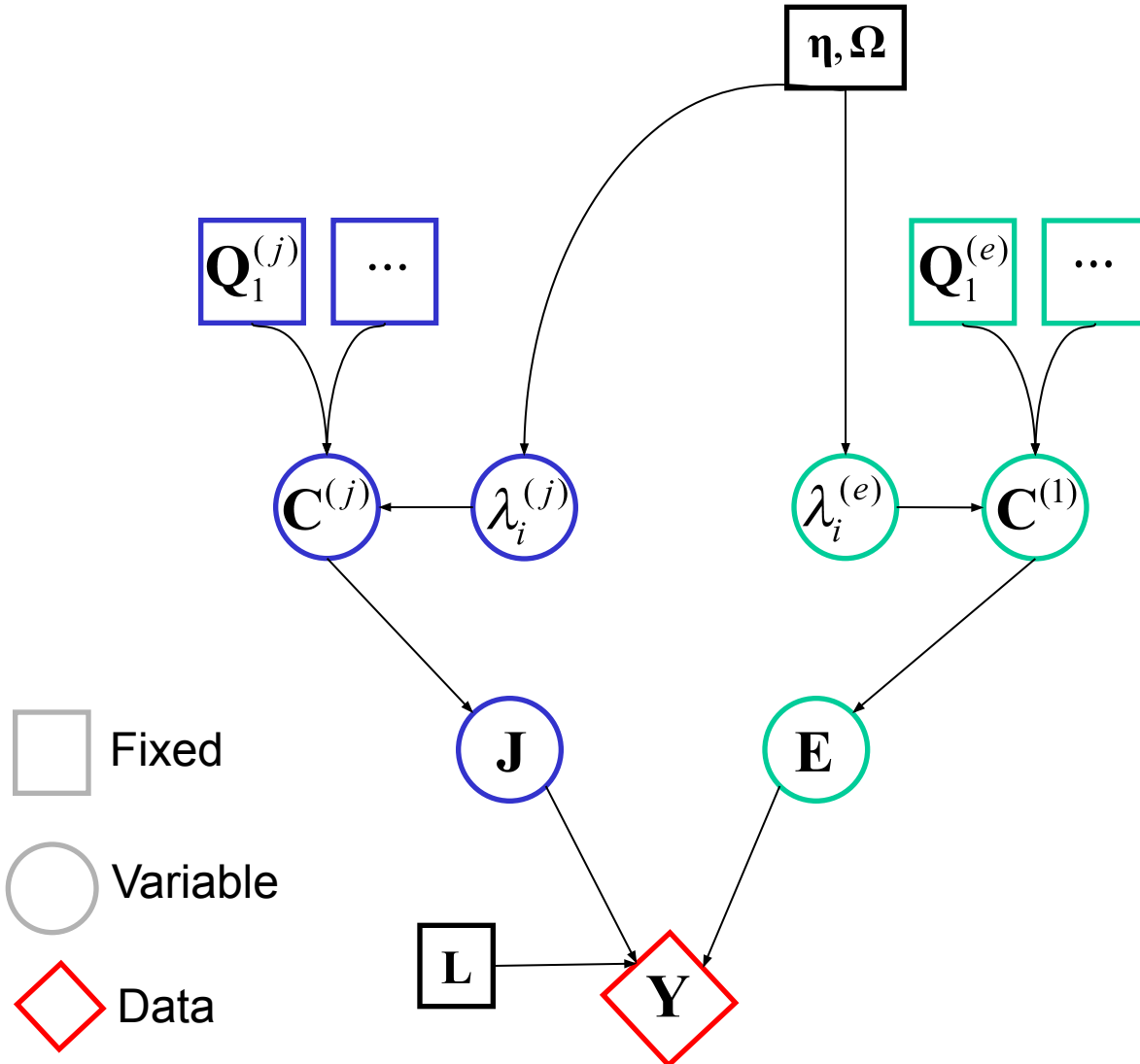


2. Optimise Multiple Sparse Priors by pooling across subjects  $\mathbf{Q}_i^{(j)}$



# Multi-subject Integration (as before)

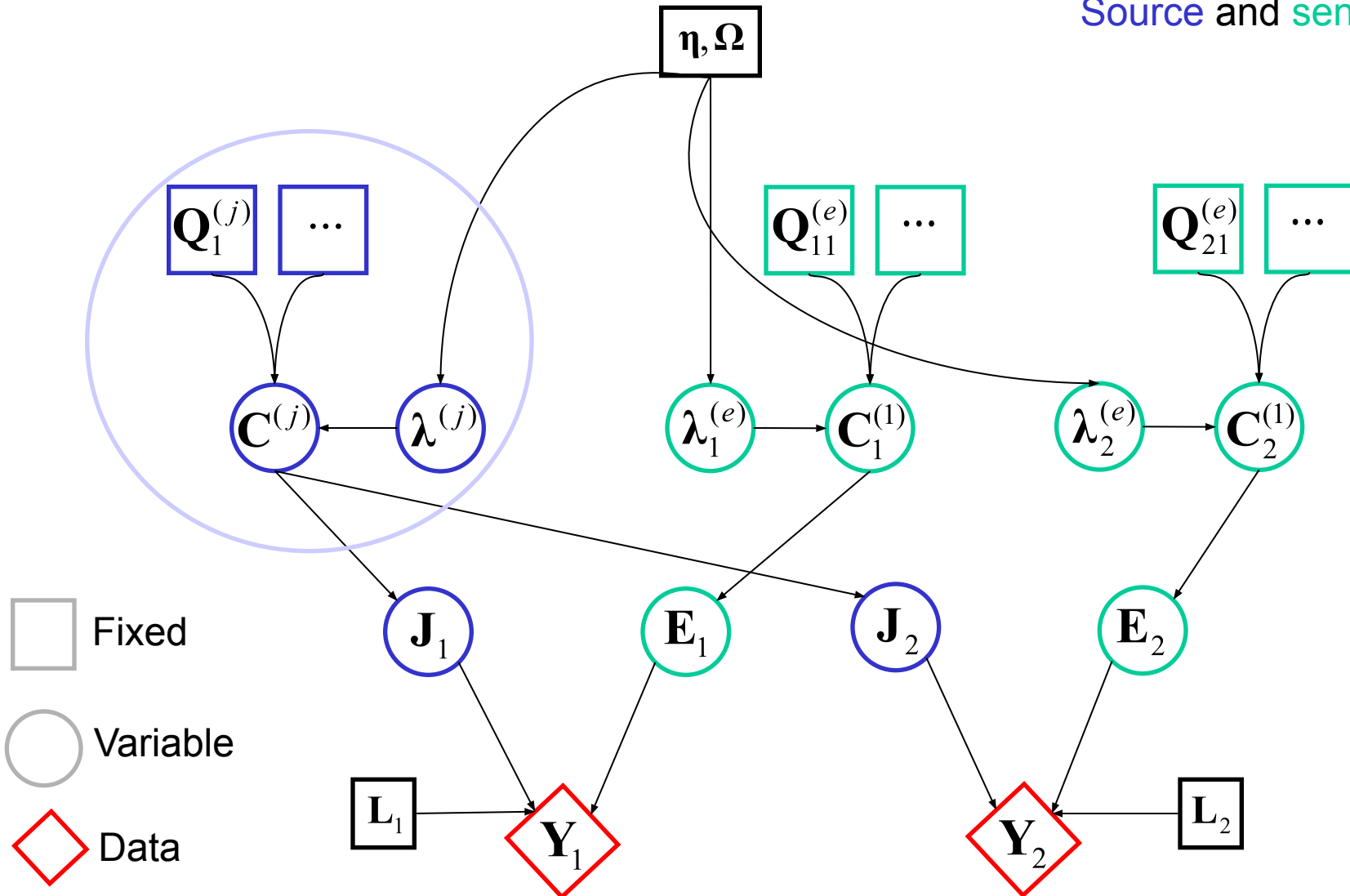
Source and sensor space





# Multi-subject Integration

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Concatenate data across subjects

$$\left[ \mathbf{A}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_s \tilde{\mathbf{Y}}_s \right] = \left[ \mathbf{A}_1 \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_s \tilde{\mathbf{L}}_s \right] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_1 \\ \boxtimes \\ \mathbf{J}_s \end{bmatrix} + \left[ \mathbf{E}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{E}_s^{(1)} \right]$$

...having projected to an “average” leadfield matrix

$$\mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{L}_i = \tilde{\mathbf{L}} : \tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \langle \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{L}_i \rangle_i \quad s.t.: \quad \mathbf{A}_i = \max \arg \left\{ \left| \tilde{\mathbf{L}} \tilde{\mathbf{L}}^T \right| \right\} : tr(\tilde{\mathbf{L}} \tilde{\mathbf{L}}^T) = n$$

**Common** source-level priors:

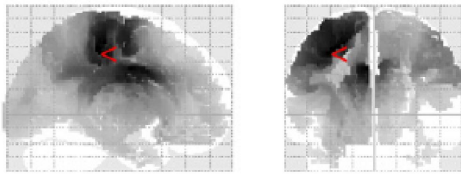
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Subject-specific sensor-level priors:

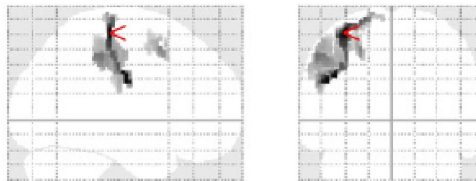
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# Multi-subject Integration: Results

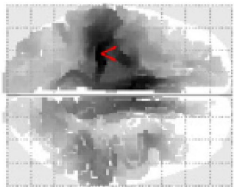
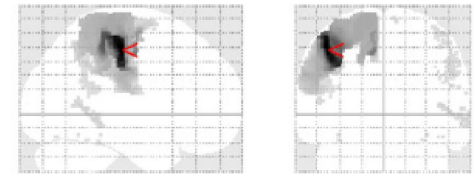
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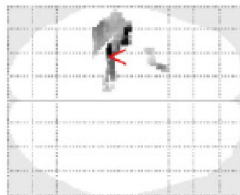
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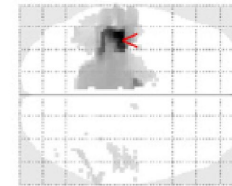
MSP (Group)



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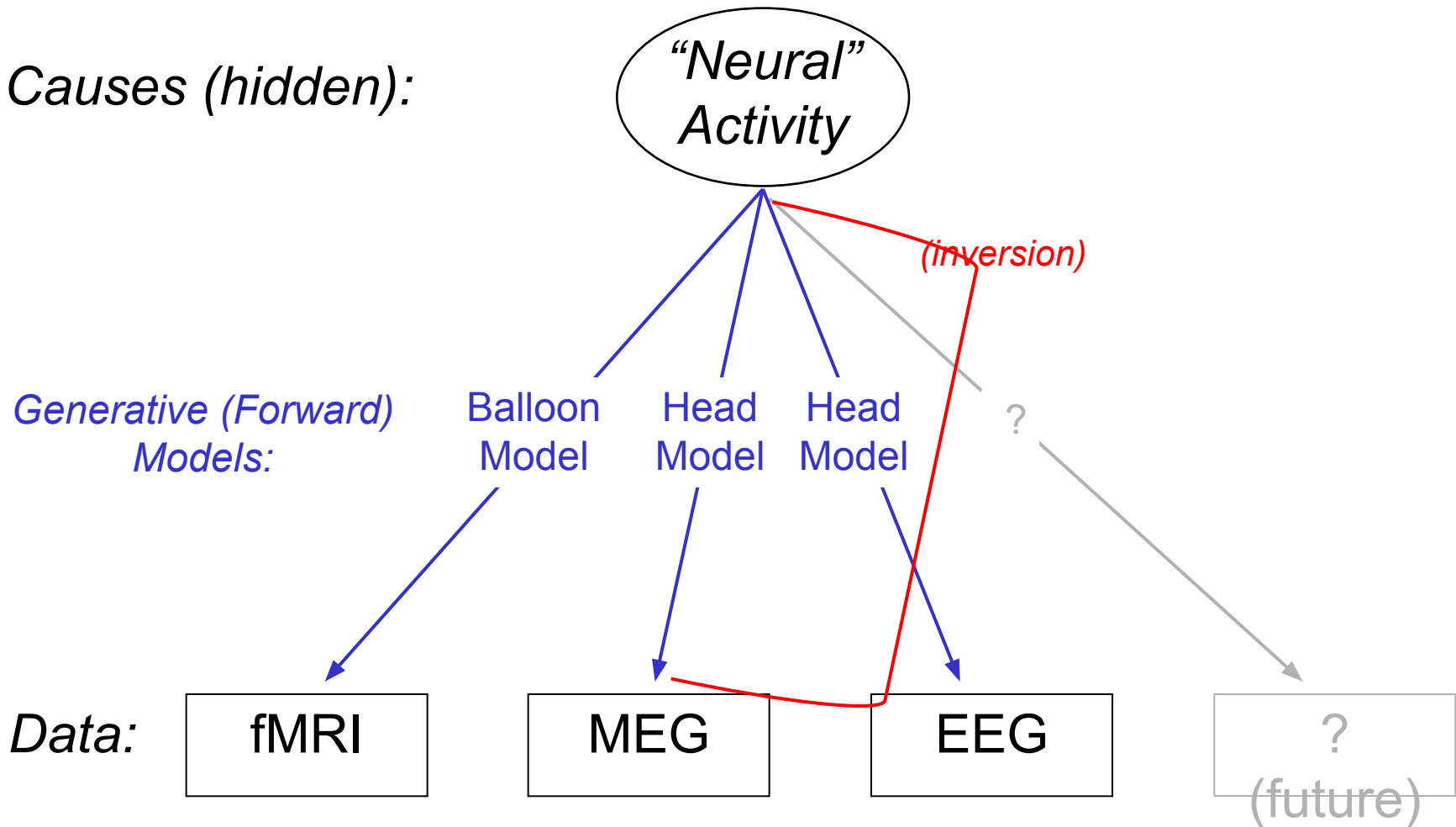
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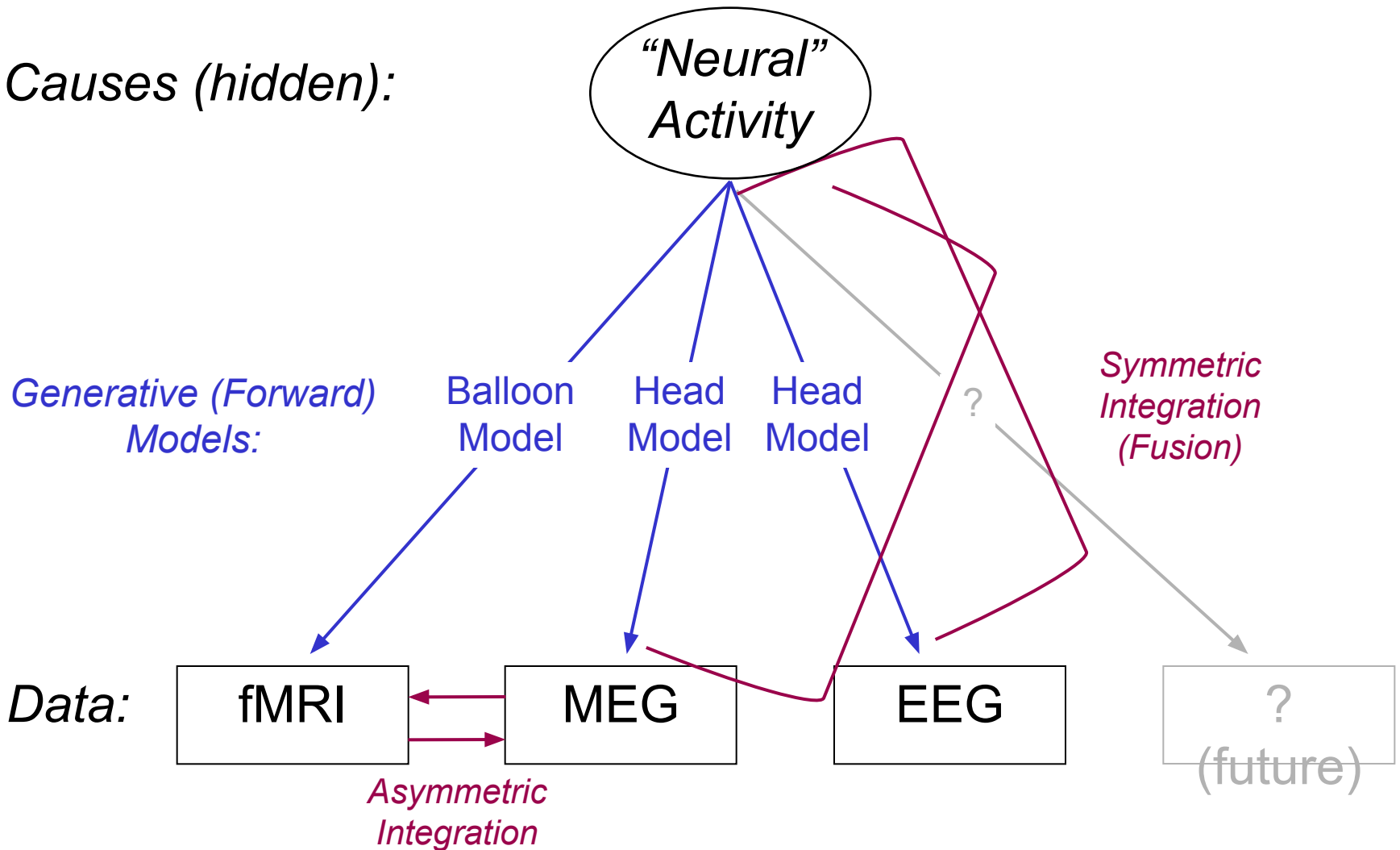
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# Symmetric Integration of MEG+EEG

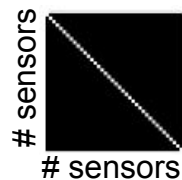
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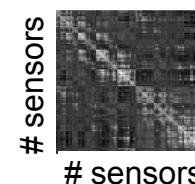
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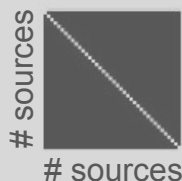


Empty-room:

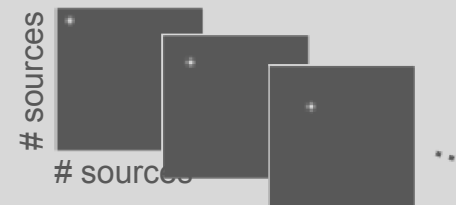


2. Source components,  $\mathbf{Q}_i^{(j)}$  (priors/regularisation):

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Multiple Sparse  
Priors (MSP):





# Symmetric Integration of MEG+EEG

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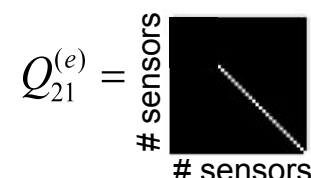
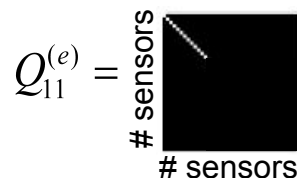
$\mathbf{C}_i^{(e)}$  = Sensor error covariance for  $i$ th modality

$\mathbf{Q}_{ij}$  =  $j$ th component for  $i$ th modality

$\lambda_{ij}$  = Hyper-parameters

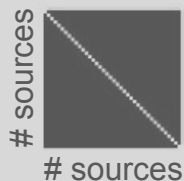
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*E.g, white noise for 2 modalities:*

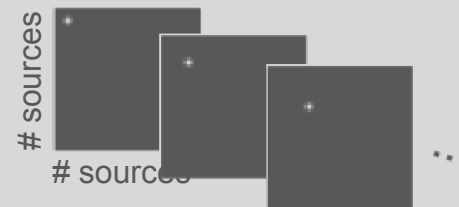


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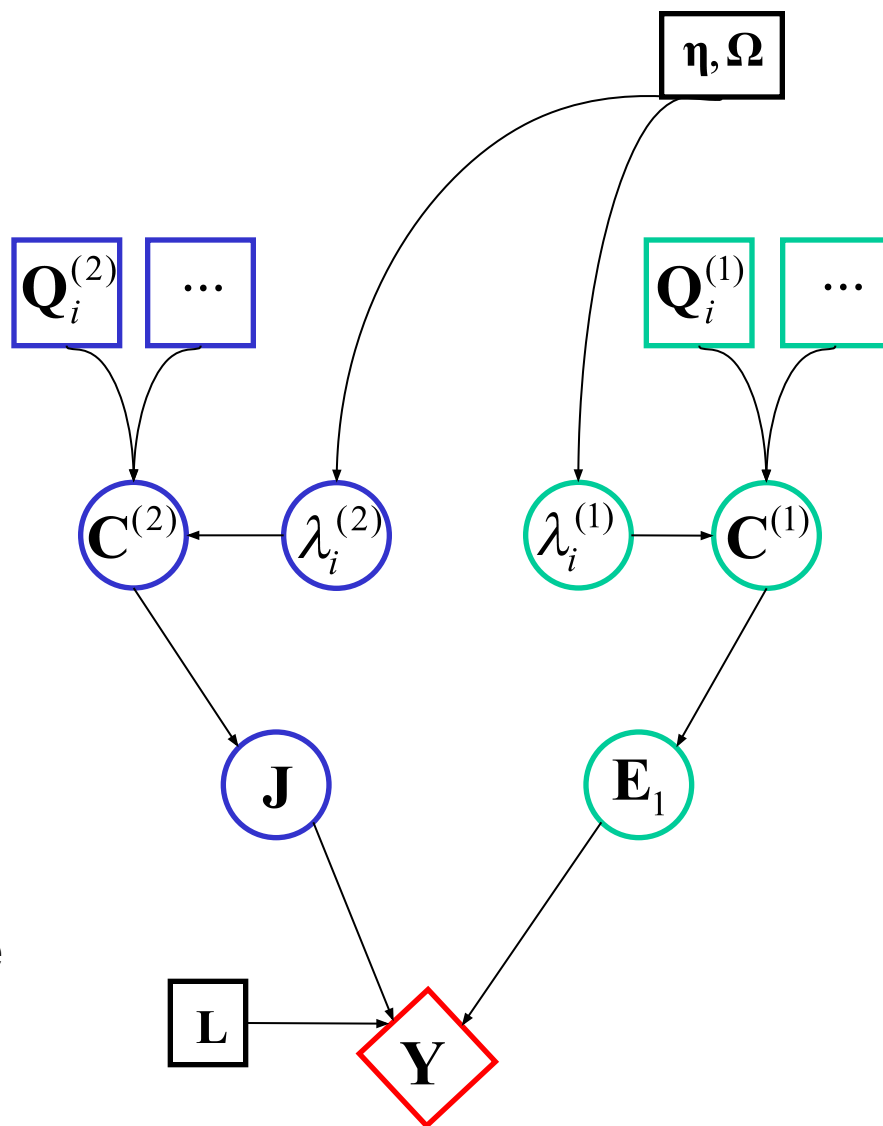


*Multiple Sparse Priors (MSP):*



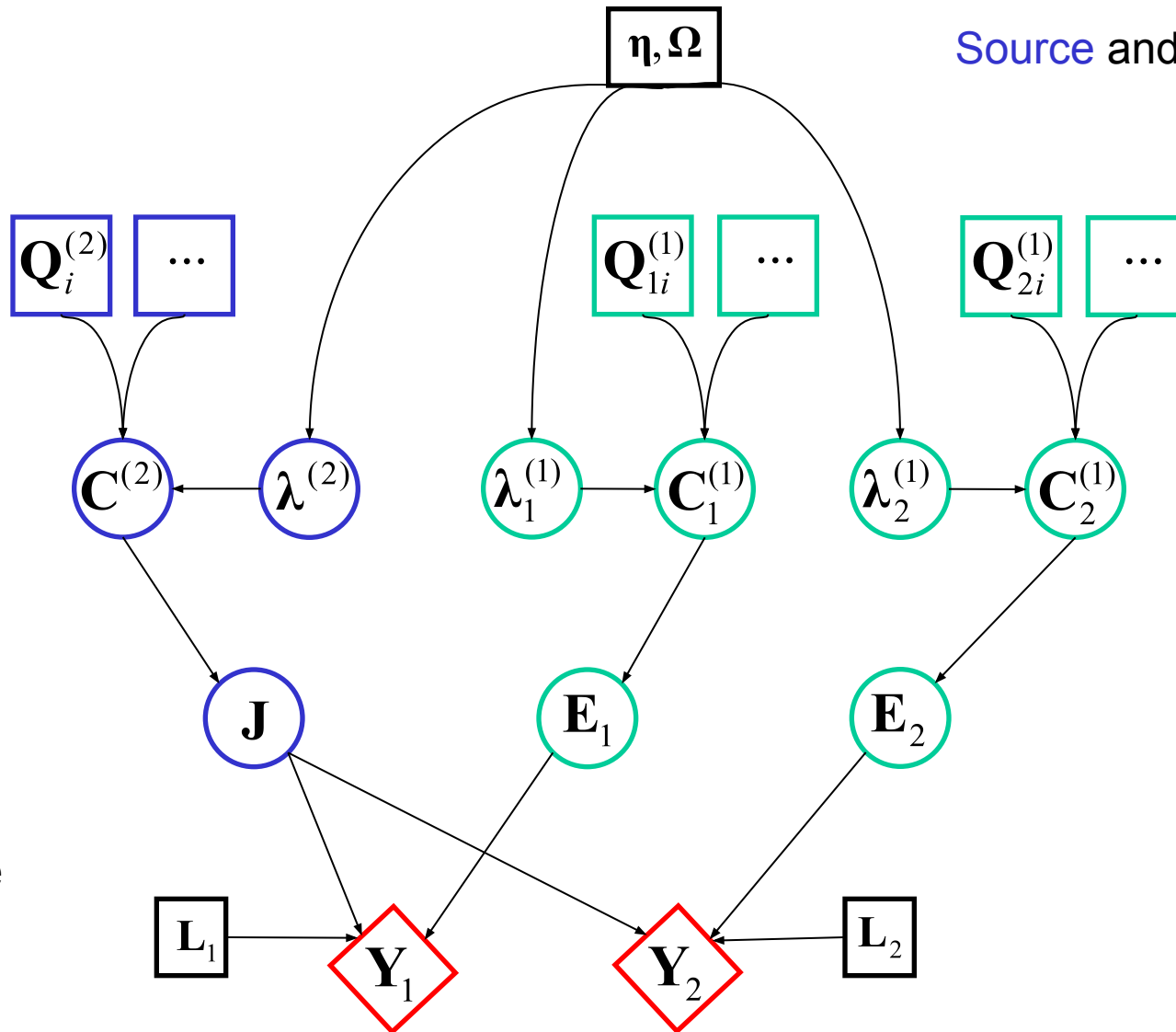
# Single Modality (as before)

Source and sensor space



# Multiple modalities

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- Stack data and leadfields for  $d$  modalities:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{Y}_1 \\ \tilde{Y}_2 \\ \boxtimes \\ \tilde{Y}_d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{L}_1 \\ \tilde{L}_2 \\ \boxtimes \\ \tilde{L}_d \end{bmatrix} J + \begin{bmatrix} E_1^{(1)} \\ E_2^{(1)} \\ \boxtimes \\ E_d^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C^{(e)} = \begin{bmatrix} C_1^{(e)} & 0 & \boxtimes & 0 \\ 0 & C_2^{(e)} & & \boxtimes \\ \boxtimes & & \boxtimes & 0 \\ 0 & \boxtimes & 0 & C_d^{(e)} \end{bmatrix}$$

(note: common sources and source priors, but separate error components)

- Where data / leadfields scaled to have same average / predicted variance:

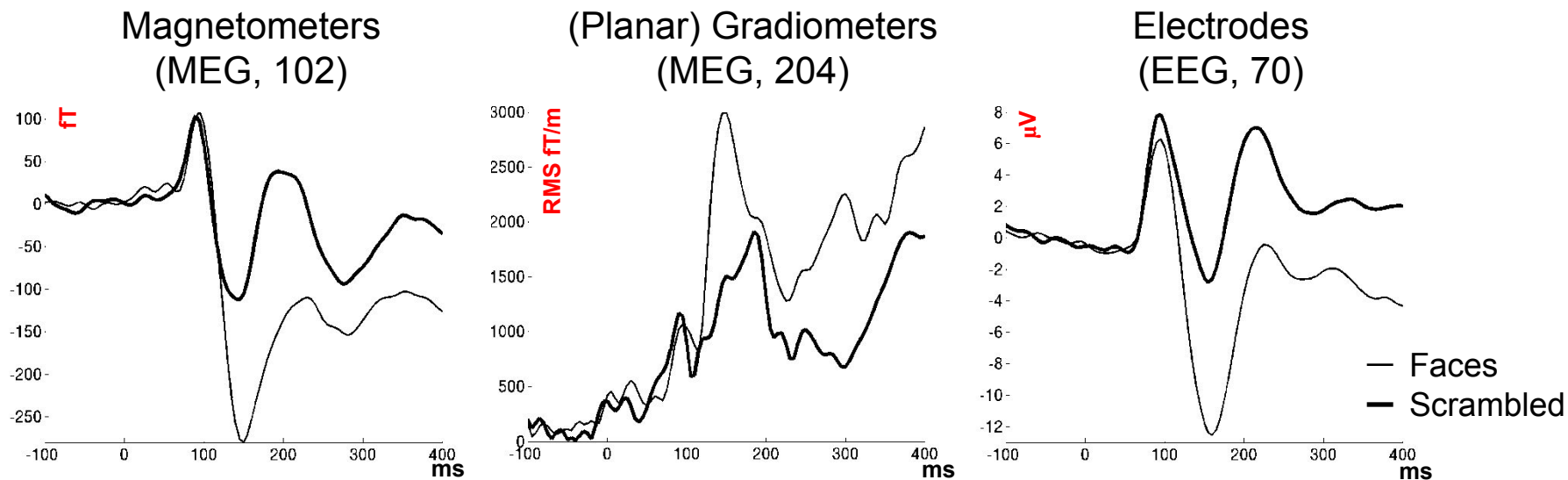
$$\tilde{Y}_i = \frac{Y_i}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{m_i} \text{tr}(Y_i Y_i^T)}}$$

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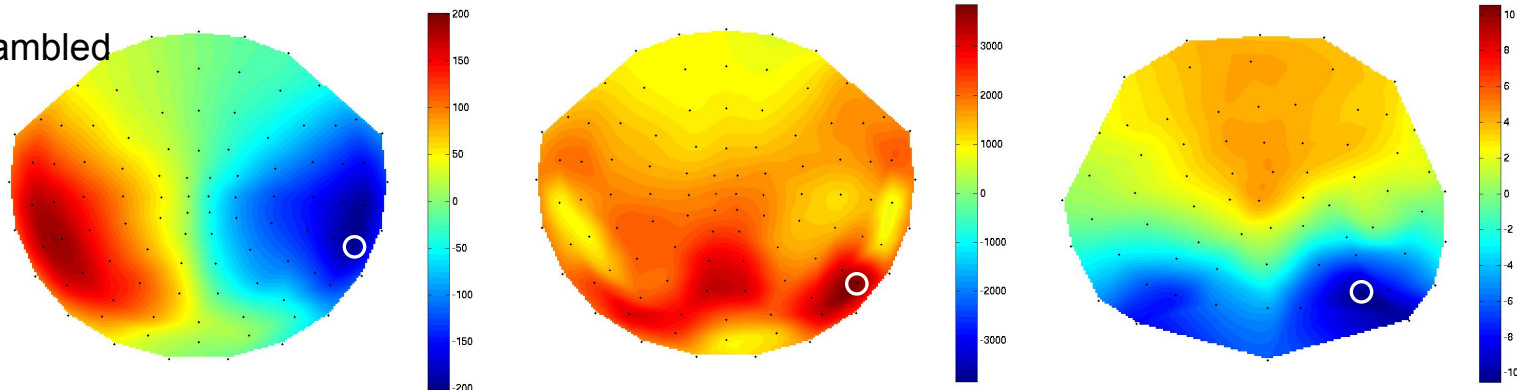
$m_i$  = Number of spatial modes  
(e.g. ~70% of #sensors)

# Symmetric Integration of MEG+EEG

ERs from 12 subjects for 3 simultaneously-acquired Neuromag sensor-types:



Faces - Scrambled  
150-190ms

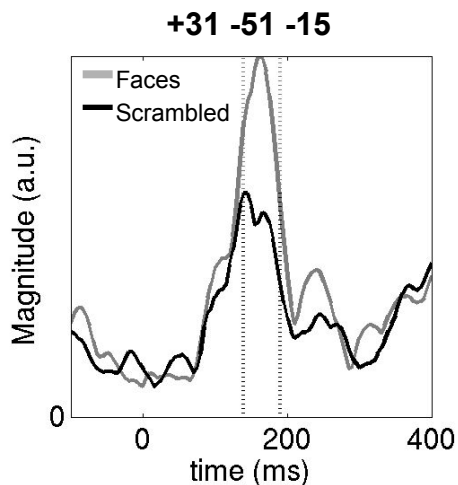
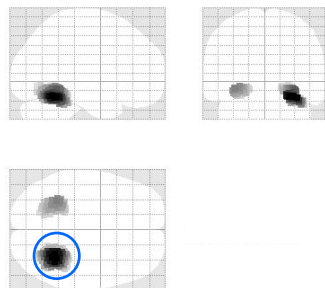


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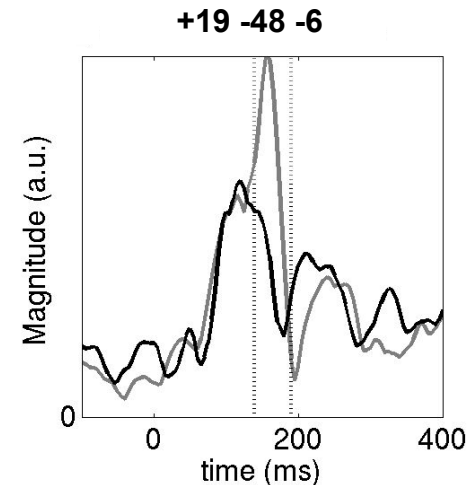
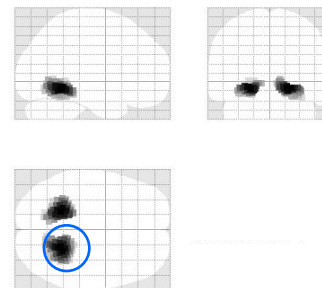
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## MEG mags

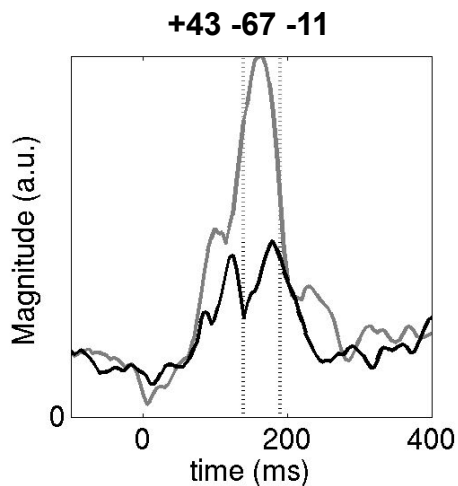
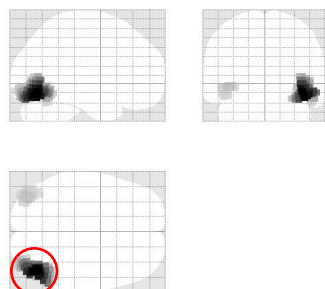


## MEG grads

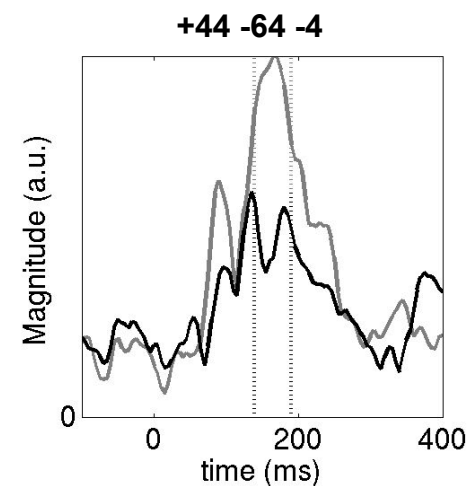
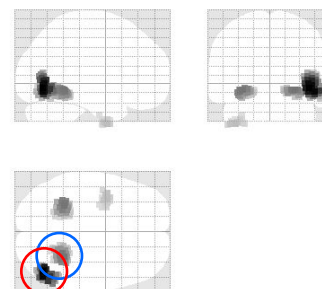


Faces – Scrambled, 150-190ms

## EEG



## FUSED



IID noise for each modality; common MSP for sources  
(fixed number of spatial+temporal modes)

Henson et al (2009) Neuroimage

- Fusing magnetometers, gradiometers and EEG increased the conditional precision of the source estimates relative to inverting any one modality alone (when equating number of spatial+temporal modes)
- The maximal sources recovered from fusion were a plausible combination of the ventral temporal sources recovered by MEG and the lateral temporal sources recovered by EEG
- (Simulations show the relative scaling of mags and grads agrees with empty-room data)

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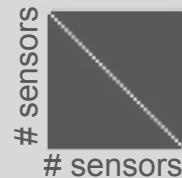
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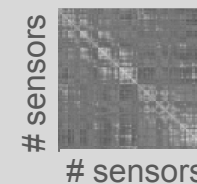
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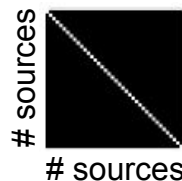


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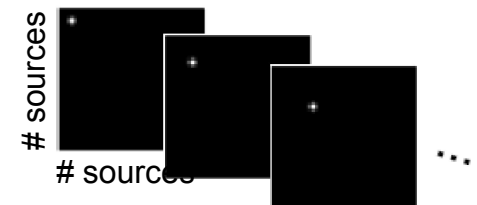


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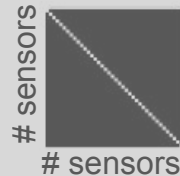
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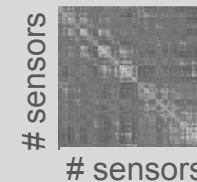
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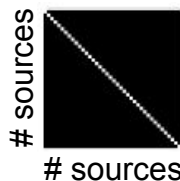


Empty-room:



2. Each suprathreshold fMRI cluster becomes a separate prior  $\mathbf{Q}_i^{(j)}$

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fMRI Priors:

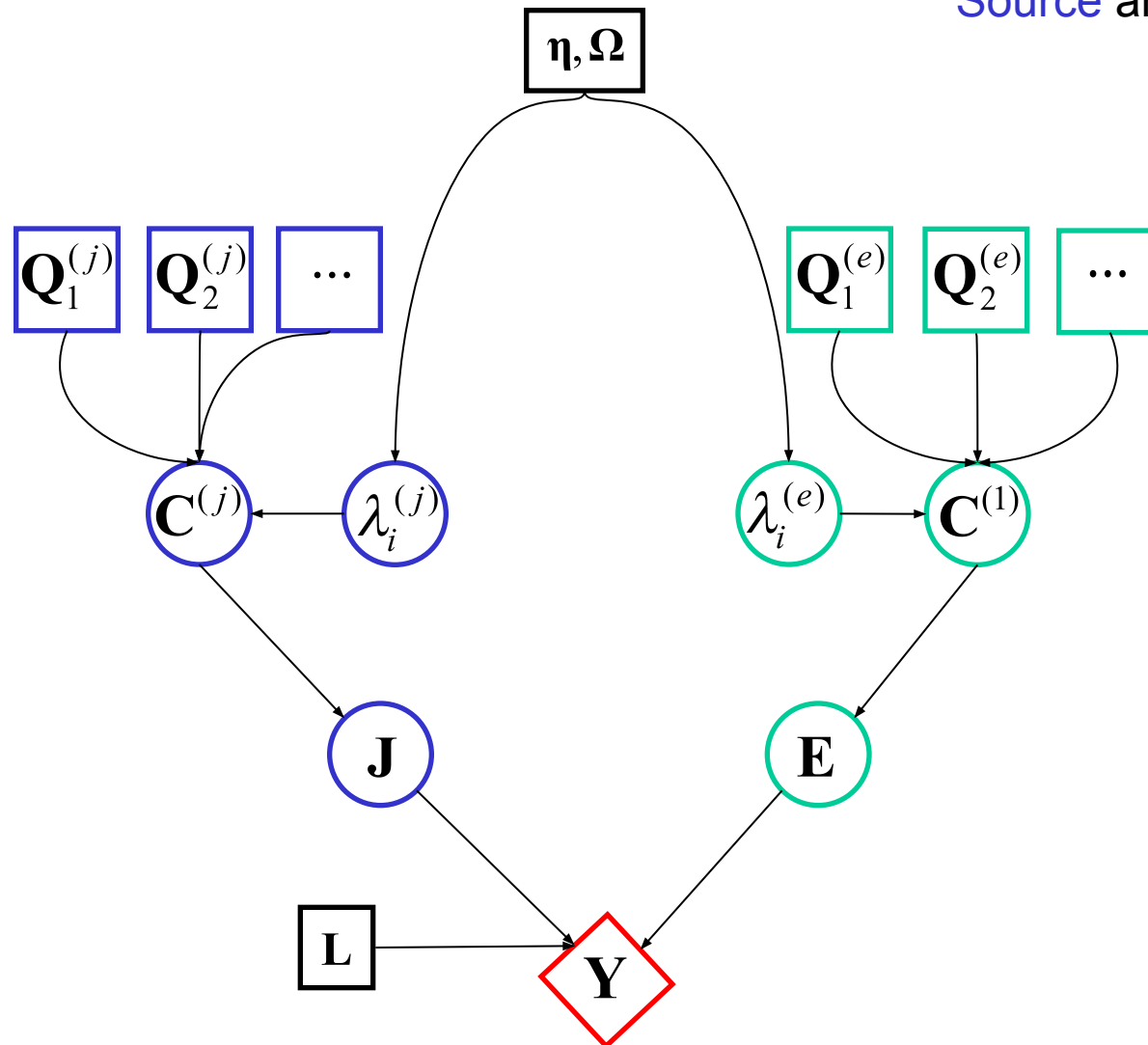


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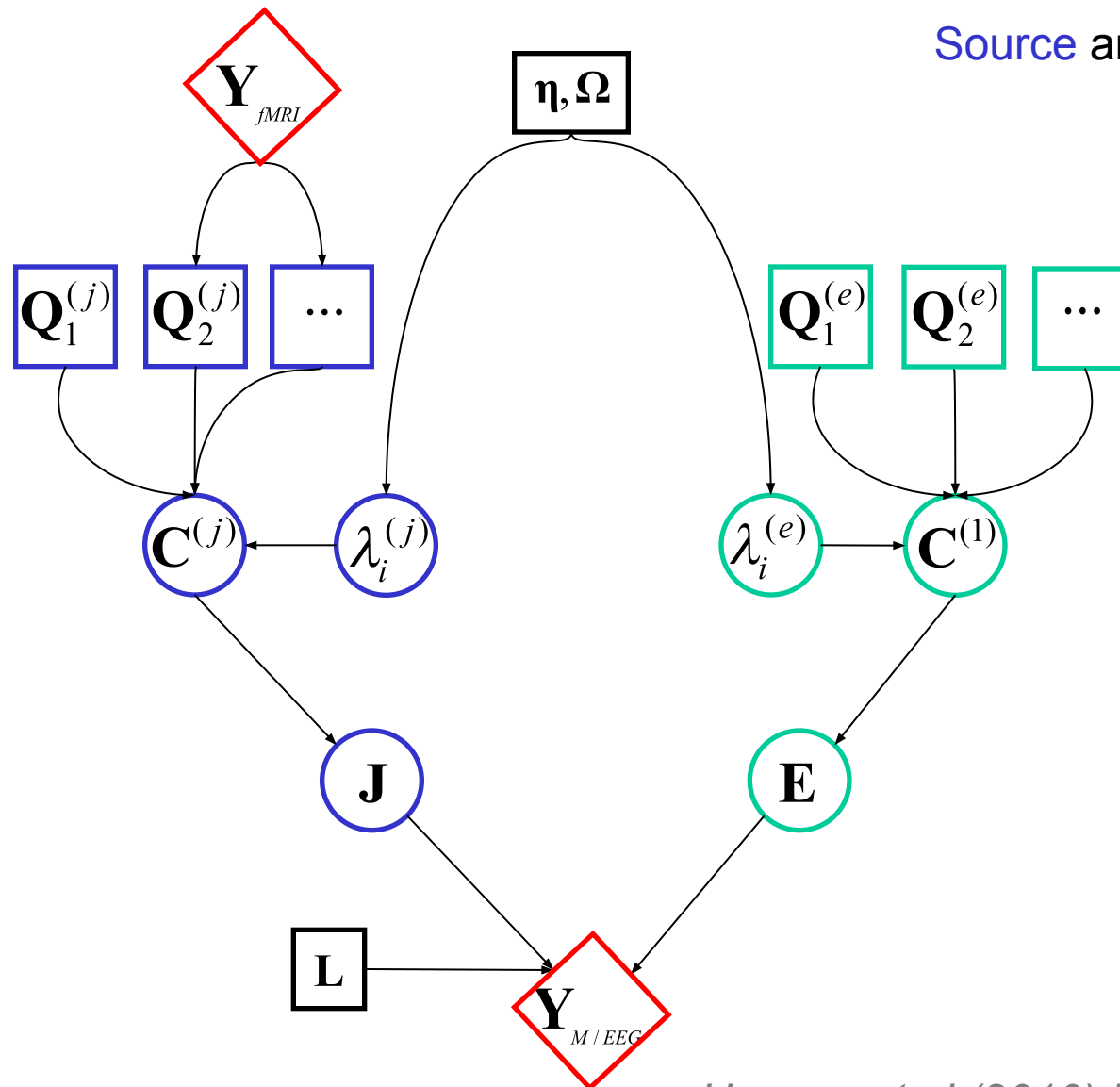
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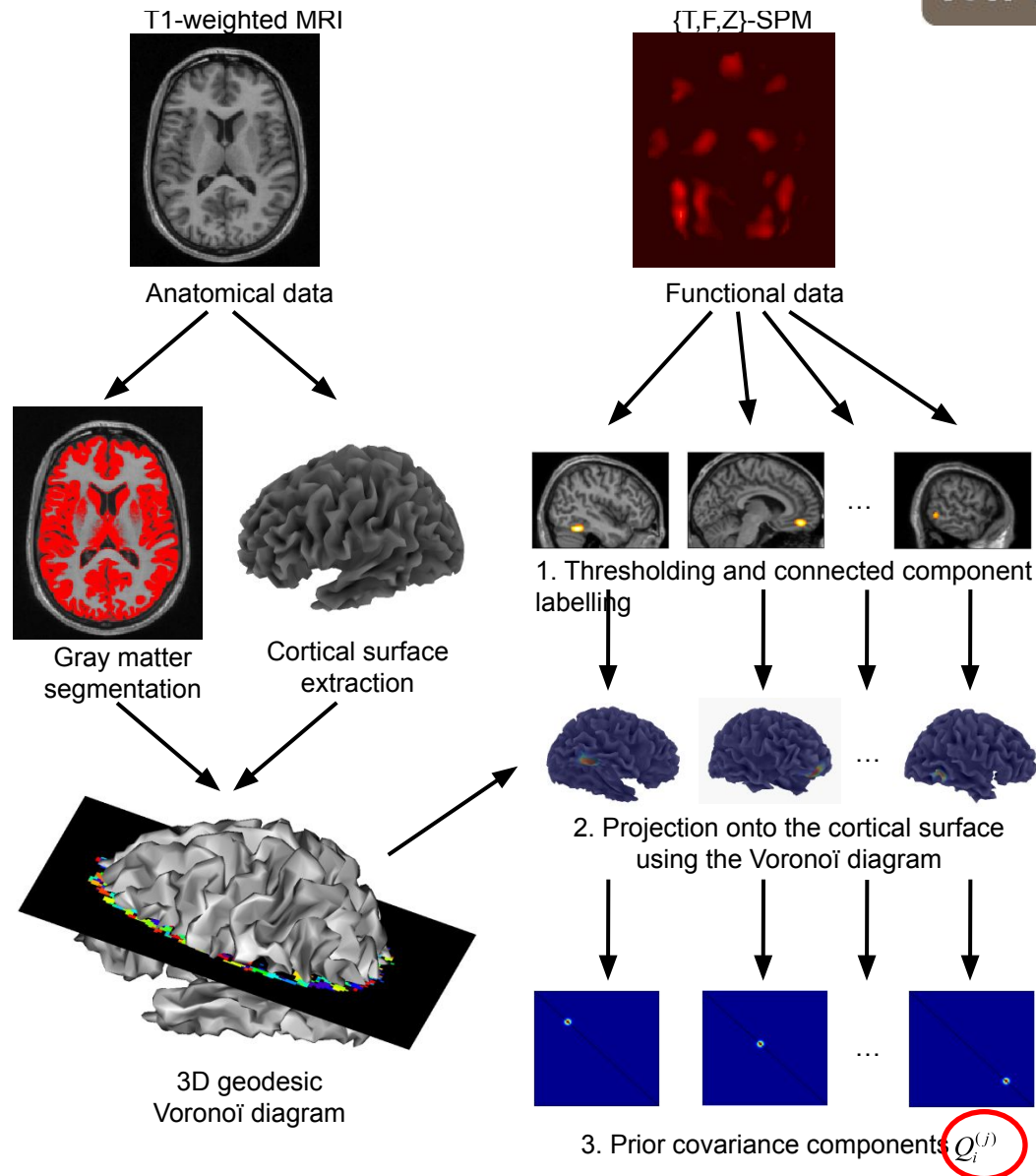
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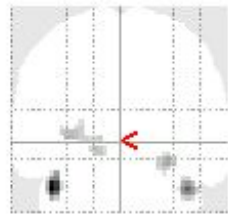
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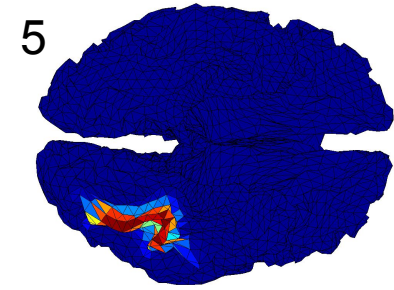
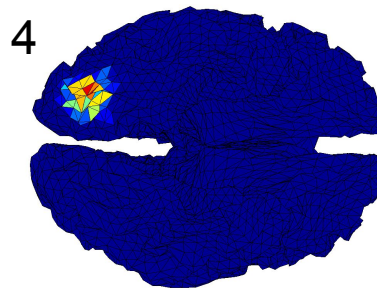
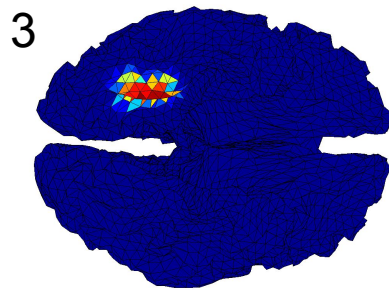
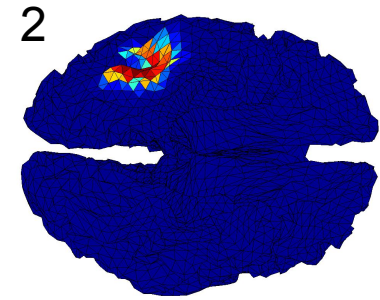
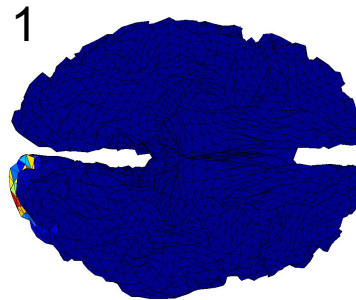
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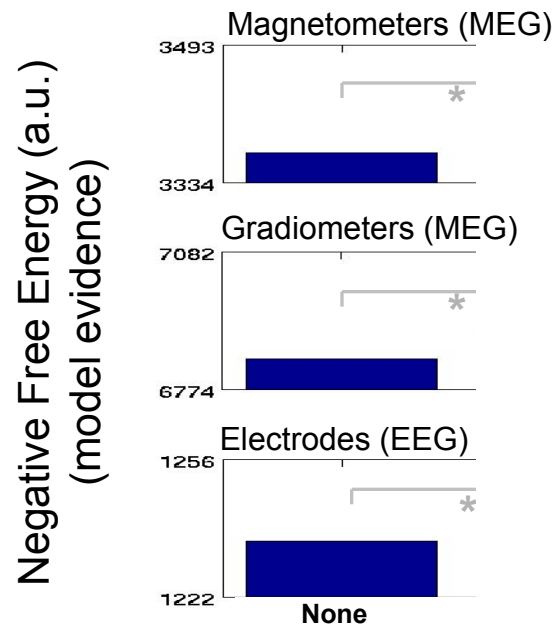


SPM{F} for faces versus  
scrambled faces,  
15 voxels,  $p < .05$  FWE



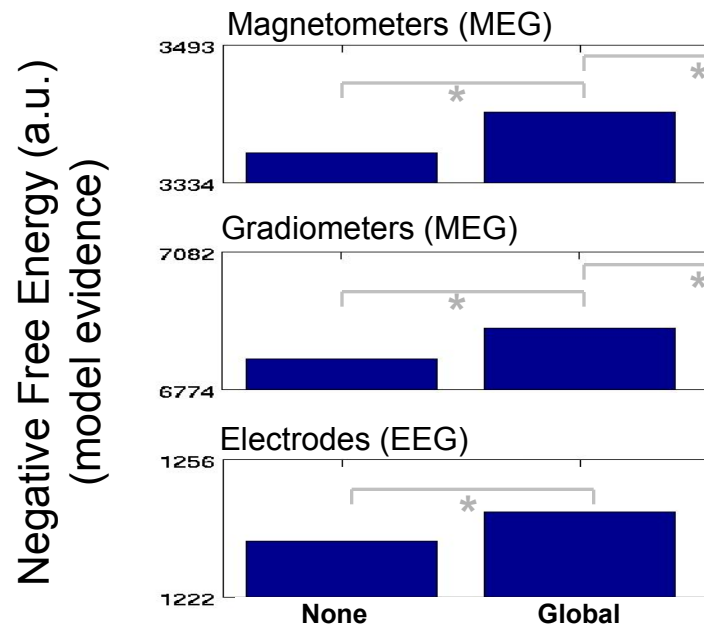
5 clusters from SPM of fMRI data from separate group of (18)  
subjects in MNI space

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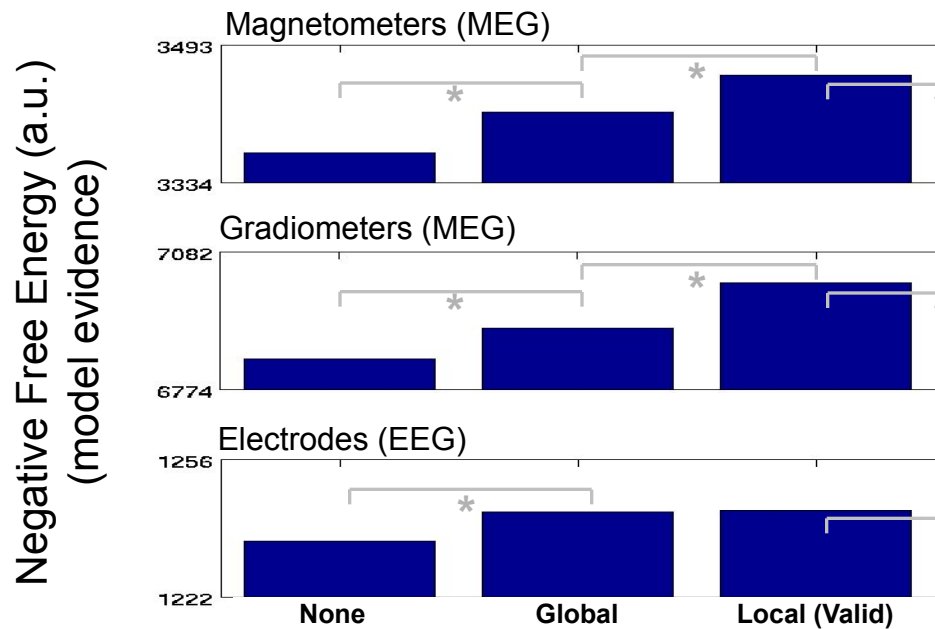
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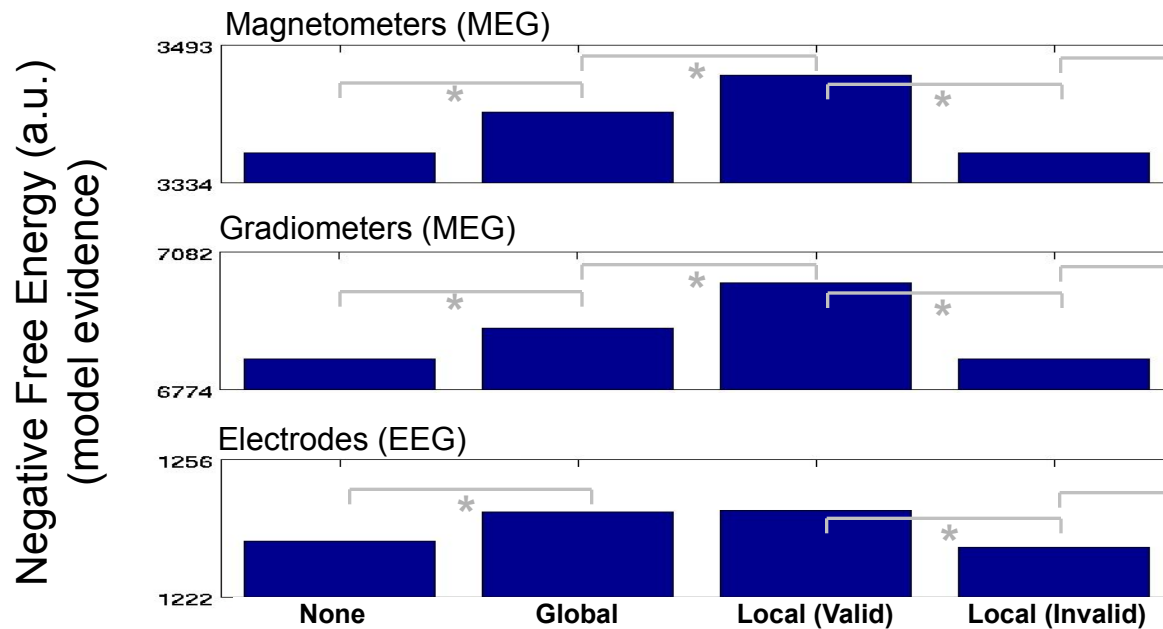


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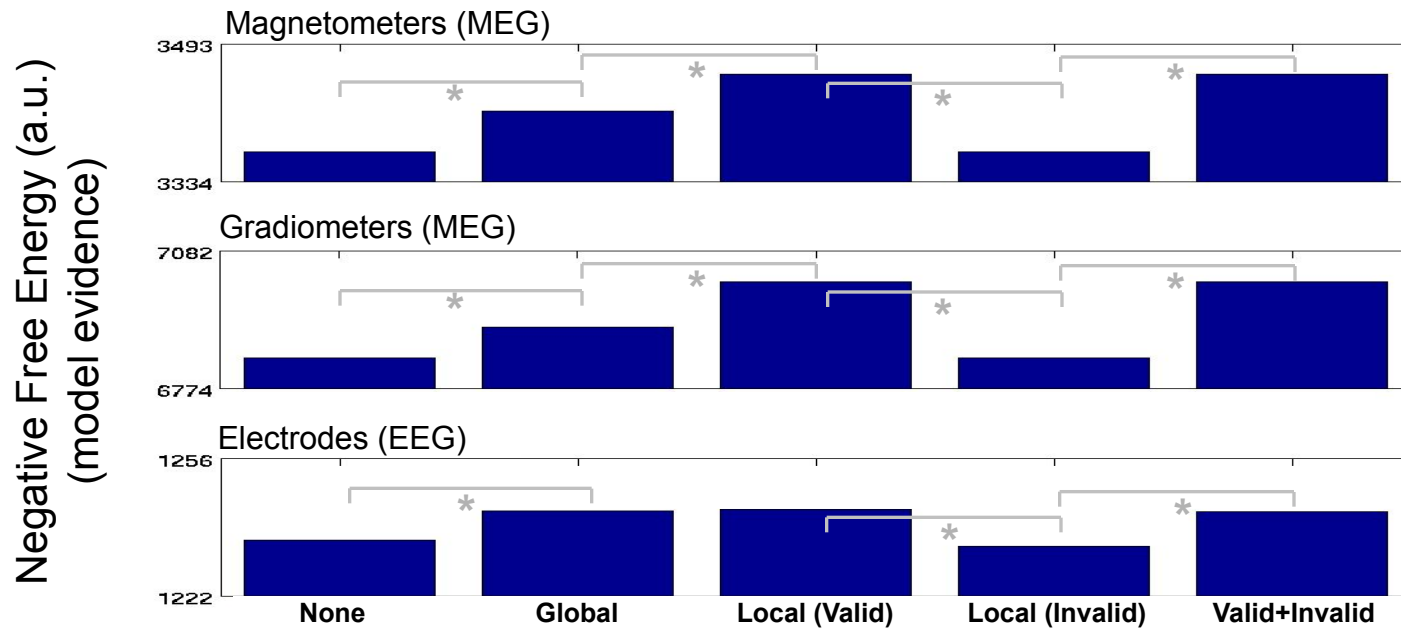
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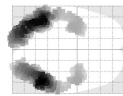
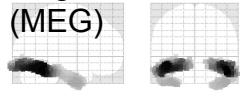
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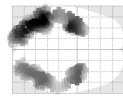
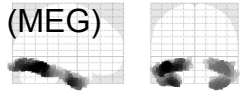
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IID sources and IID noise (L2 MNM)

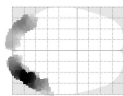
Magnetometers



Gradiometers



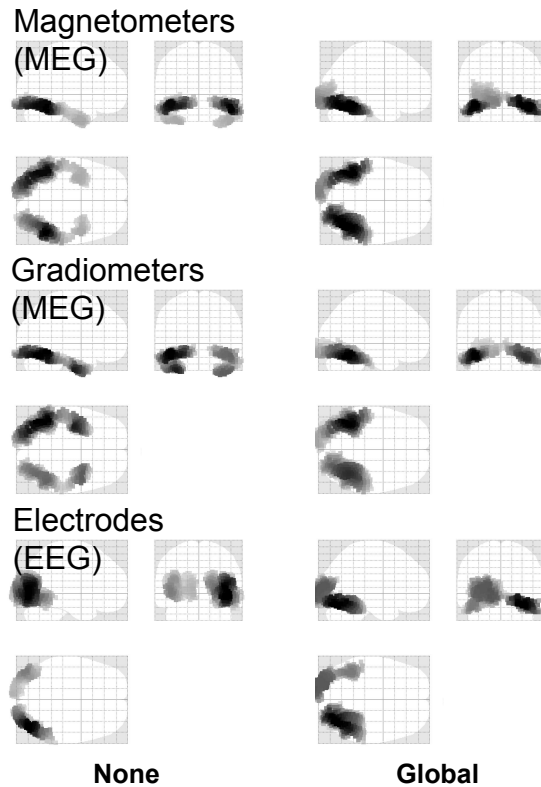
Electrodes



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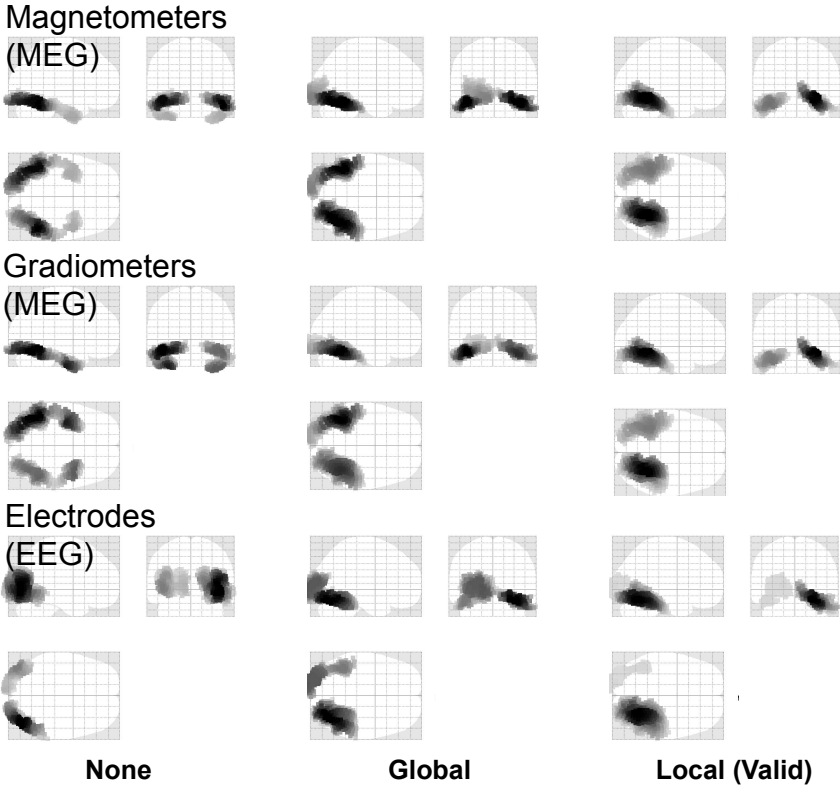
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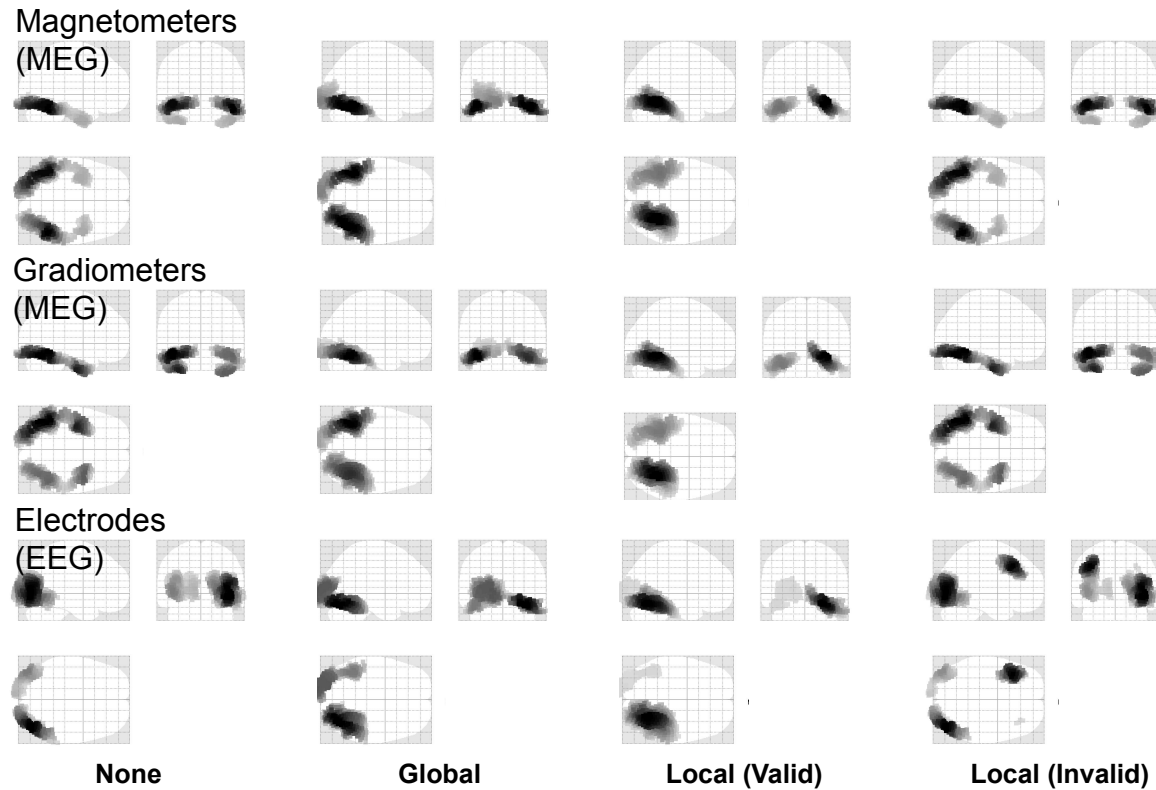
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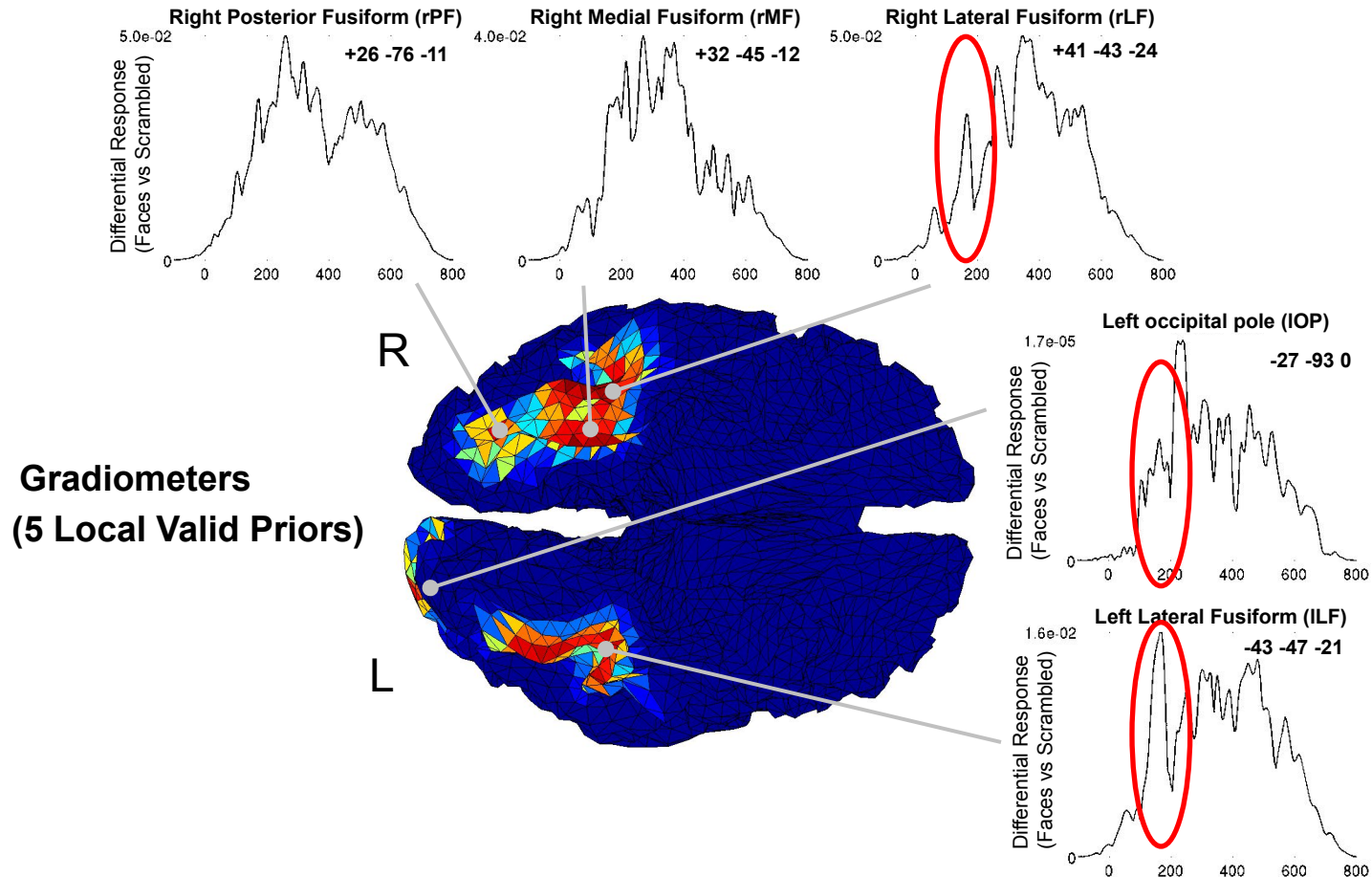
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# Asymmetric Integration of M/EEG+fMRI



NB: Priors affect variance, not precise timecourse...



- Adding a single, global fMRI prior increases model evidence
- Adding **multiple** valid priors increases model evidence further  
Helpful if some fMRI regions produce no MEG/EEG signal  
(or arise from neural activity at different times)
- Adding invalid priors does not necessarily increase model evidence, particularly in conjunction with valid priors
- Can counteract superficial bias of, e.g, minimum-norm
- Affects variance but not not precise timecourse

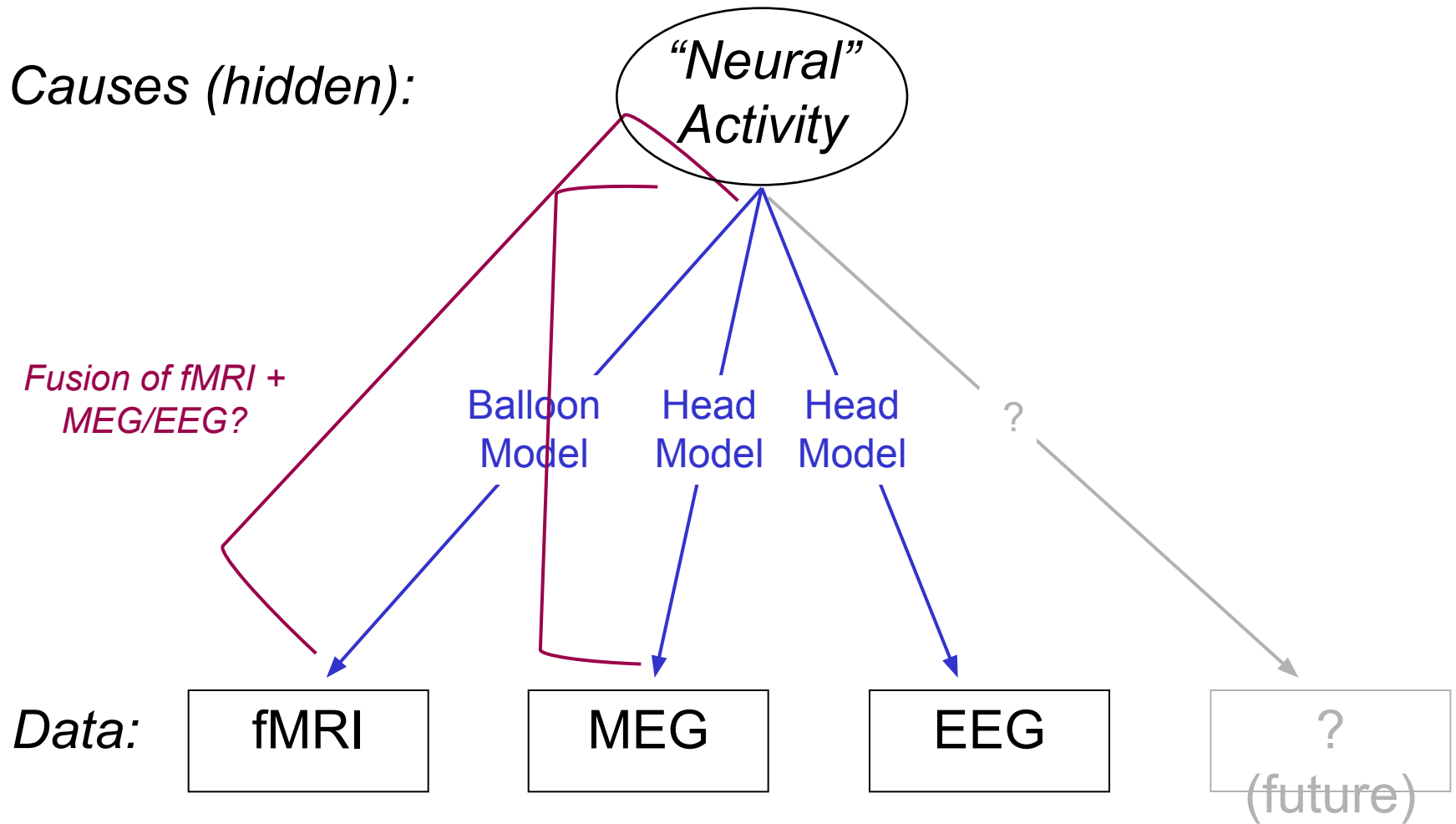
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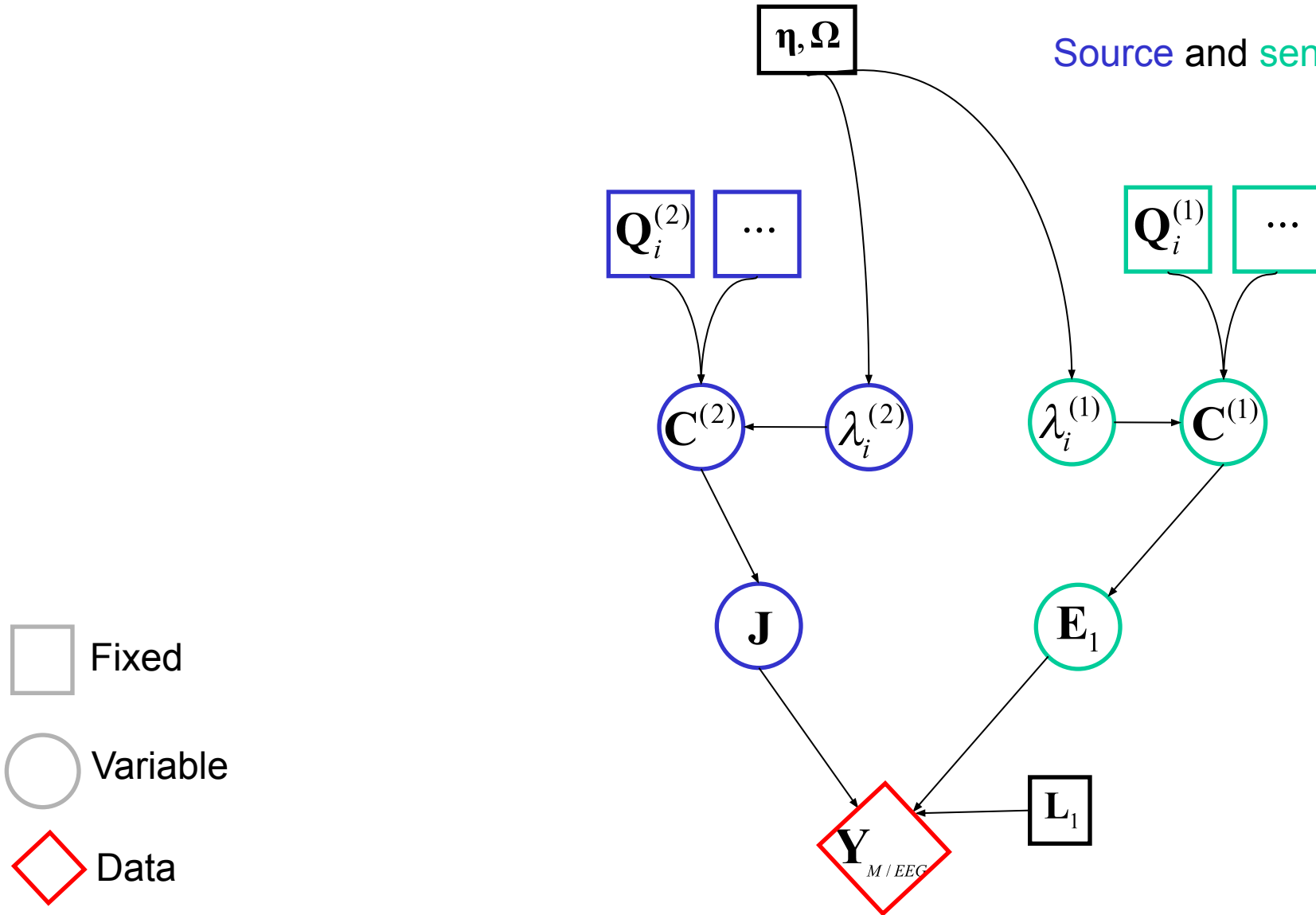
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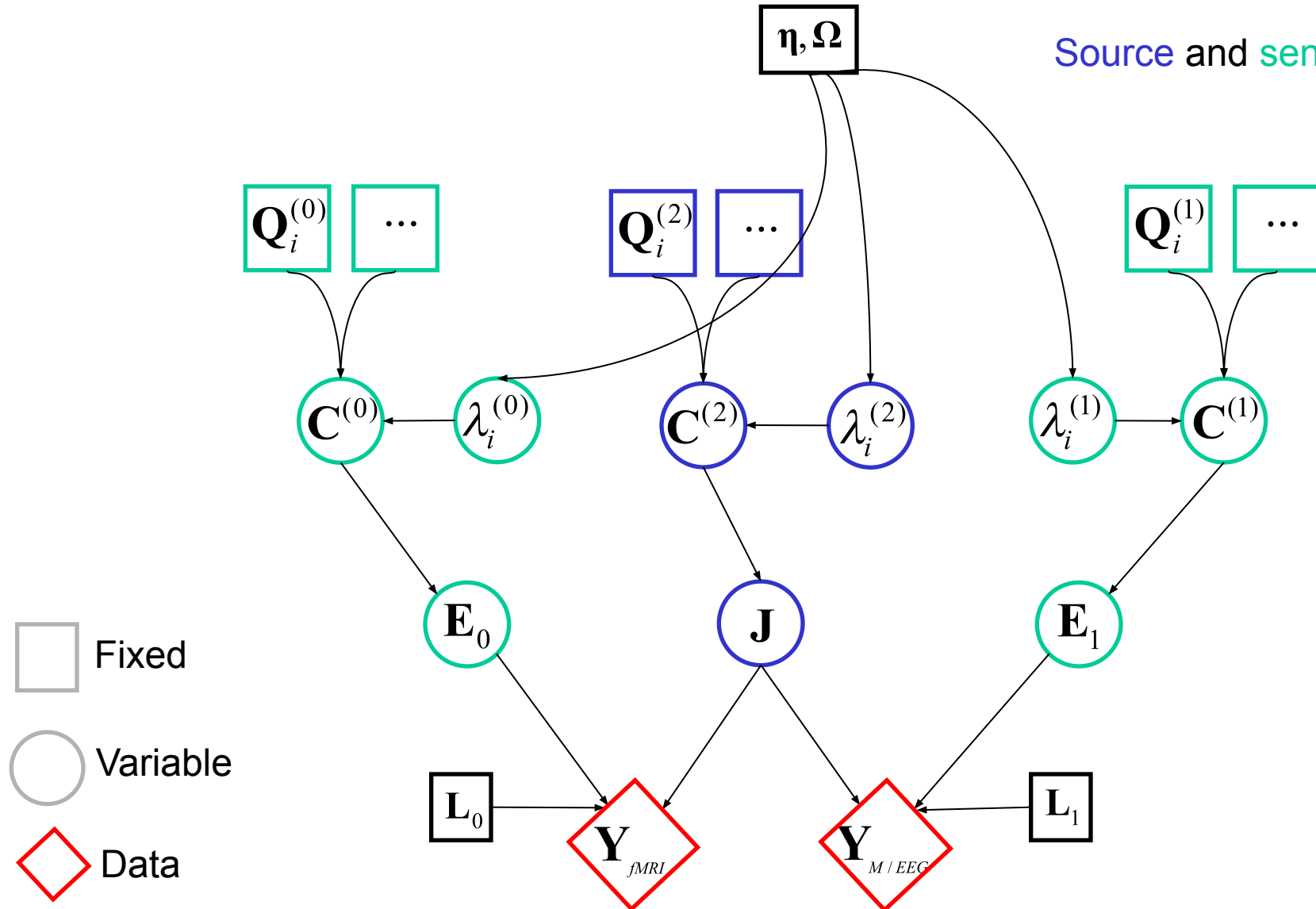
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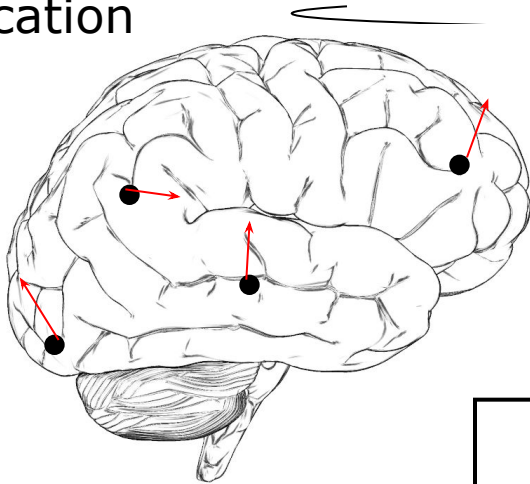
1. SPM offers standard forward models (via FieldTrip)...  
(though with unique option of Canonical Meshes)
2. ...but offers **unique** Bayesian approaches to inversion:
  - 2.1 Variational Bayesian ECD
  - 2.2 Dynamic Causal Modelling (DCM)
  - 2.3 A PEB approach to Distributed inversion (eg MSP)
3. PEB framework in particular offers multi-subject and  
(various types of) multi-modal integration

The End

# Forward Problem: Physics

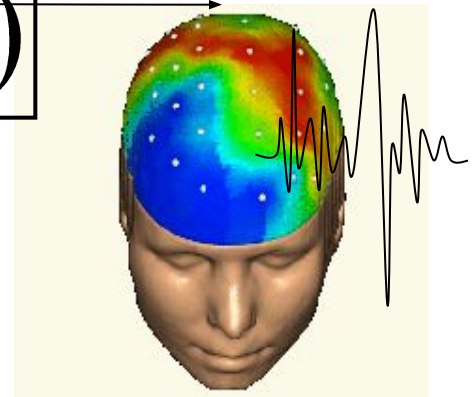
Current (nA):

$\vec{j}$  Orientation  
 $r$  Location



Likelihood

$$Y = f(\vec{j}, r)$$



Maxwell's Equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot E &= \frac{\rho}{\epsilon} \\ \nabla \cdot B &= 0 \\ \nabla \times E &= -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} \\ \nabla \times B &= \mu j + \mu \epsilon \frac{\partial E}{\partial t} \end{aligned}$$

Ohm's law:

$$j = \sigma E$$

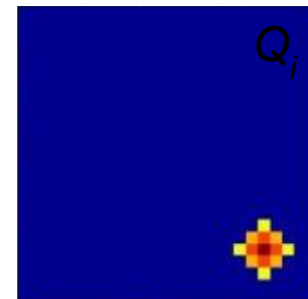
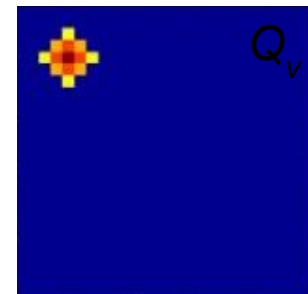
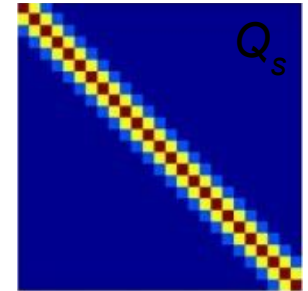
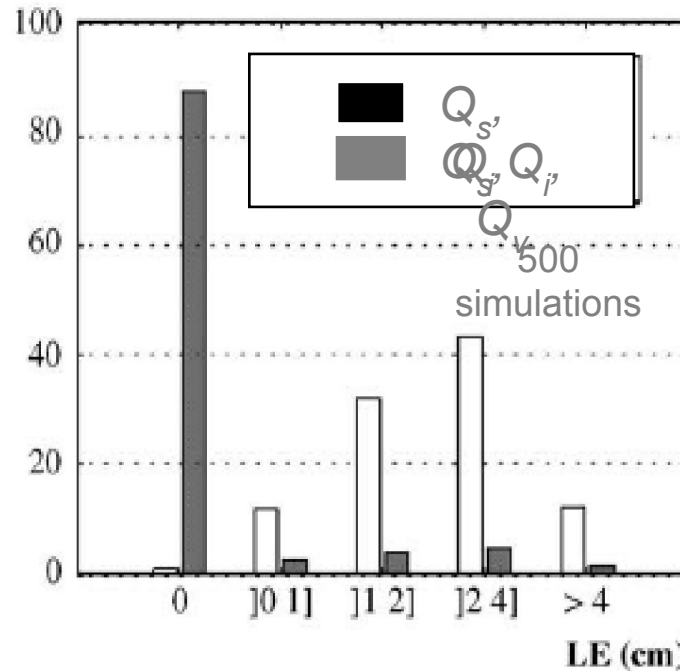
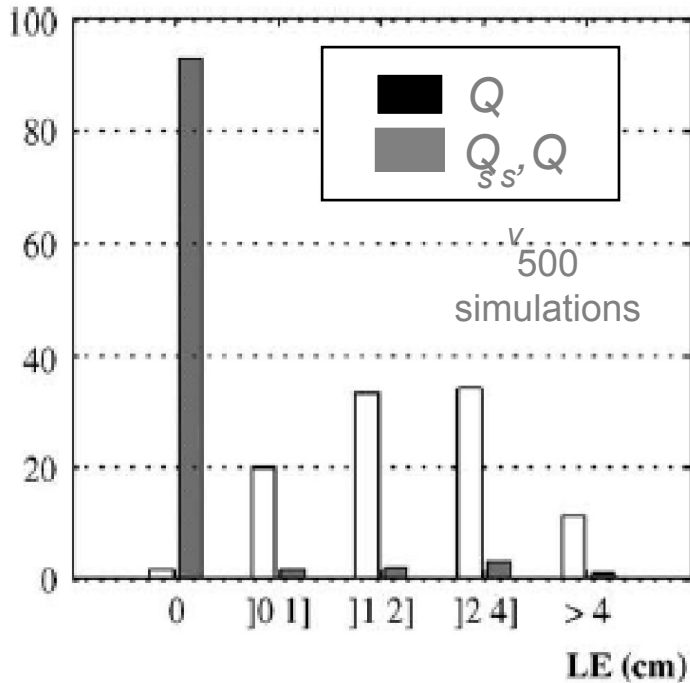
Continuity equation:

$$\nabla \cdot j = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t}$$



# Inverse Problem: Simulations

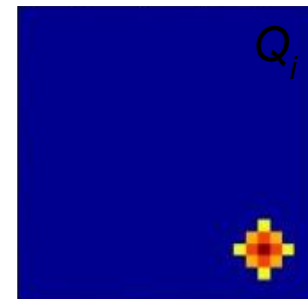
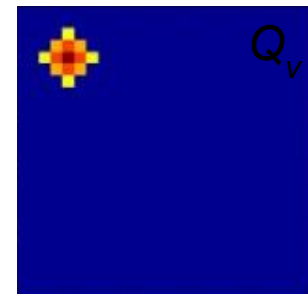
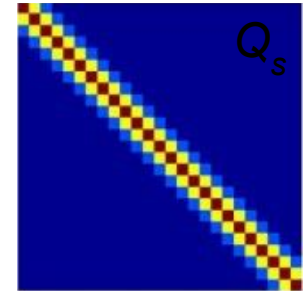
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	Log-Evidence	Bayes Factor
$Q_s$	205.2	} 7047 } 1.8 } (1/9899)
$Q_s, Q_v$	214.1	
$Q_s, Q_v, Q_i$	214.7	
$(Q_s, Q_i)$	204.9	



*Mattout et al (2006)*

# Inverse Problem: Temporal

$$\tilde{Y} = LJ + E \quad \begin{aligned} E &\sim N(0, V^{(e)} \otimes C^{(e)}) \\ J &\sim N(0, V^{(j)} \otimes C^{(j)}) \end{aligned}$$

$C^{(e)}$  = spatial error covariance over sensors  
 $V^{(e)}$  = temporal error covariance over sensors  
 $C^{(j)}$  = spatial error covariance over sources  
 $V^{(j)}$  = temporal error covariance over sources

In general, temporal correlation of signal (sources) and noise (sensors) will differ, but can project onto a temporal subspace (via  $S$ ) such that:

$$S^T V_e S = S^T V_j S = S^T V S$$

$V$  typically Gaussian autocorrelations...

$$V = KK^T$$

$$K(\tau)_{ij} = \exp\left(-\frac{(i-j)^2}{2\tau^2}\right)$$

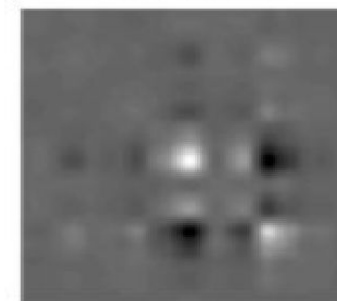
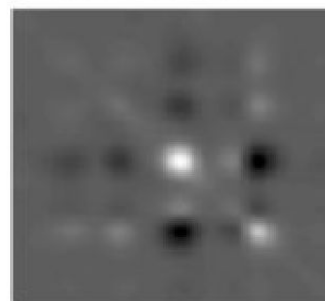
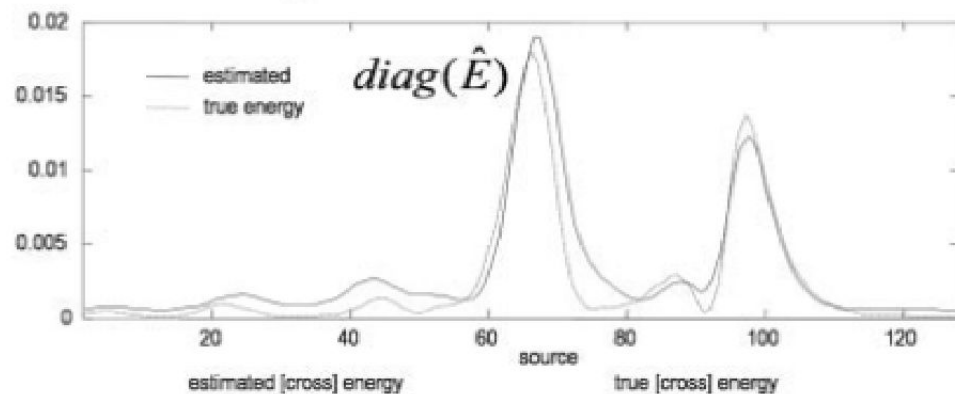
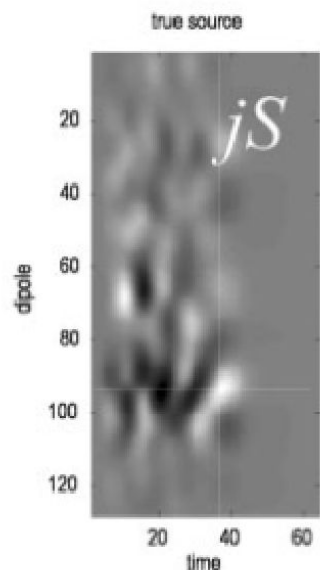
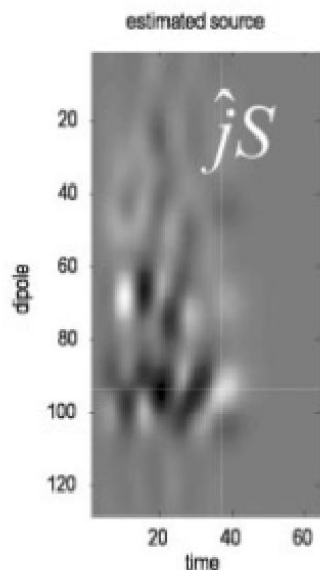
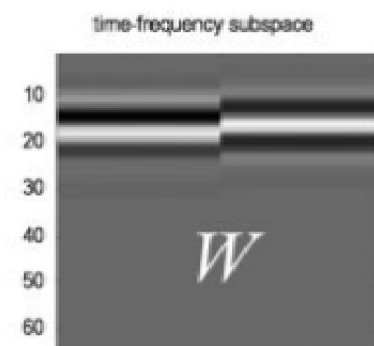
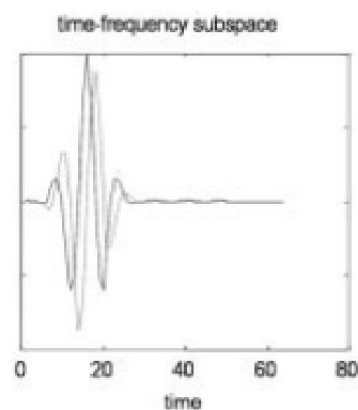
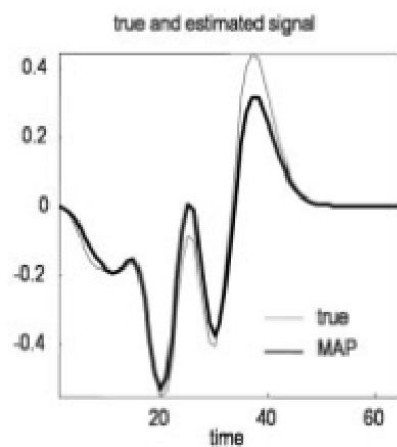
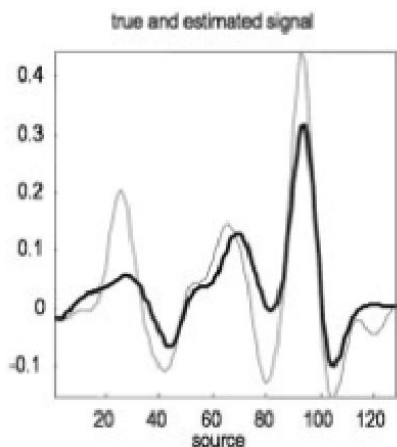
$$\tau \sim 4ms$$

then turns out that EM can simply operate on prewhitened data (covariance), where  $Y$  size  $n \times t$ :

$$\hat{\lambda} = EM\left(\frac{1}{N_r} YS(S^T V S)^{-1} S^T Y^T, Q\right)$$

$$\hat{J} = MYSS^T$$

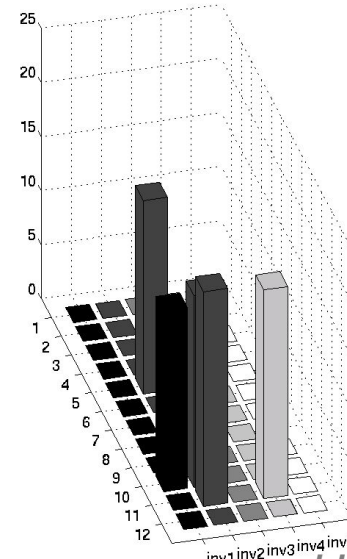
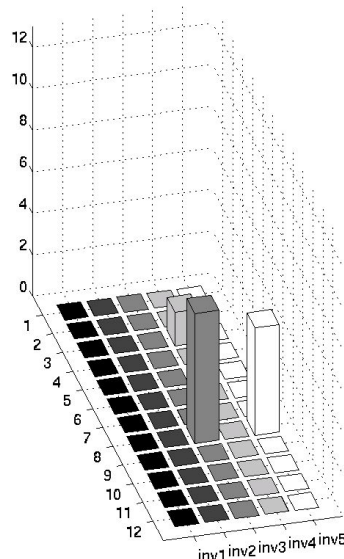
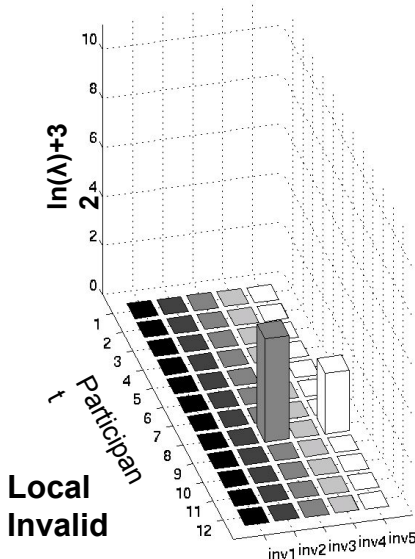
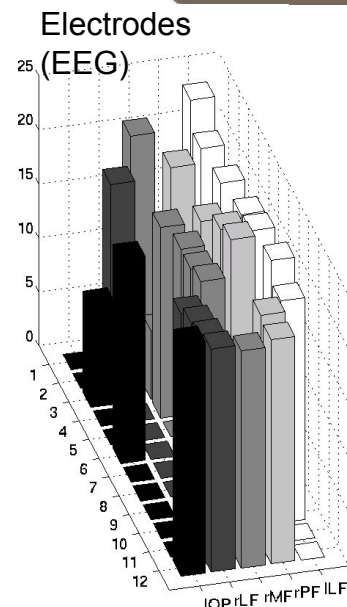
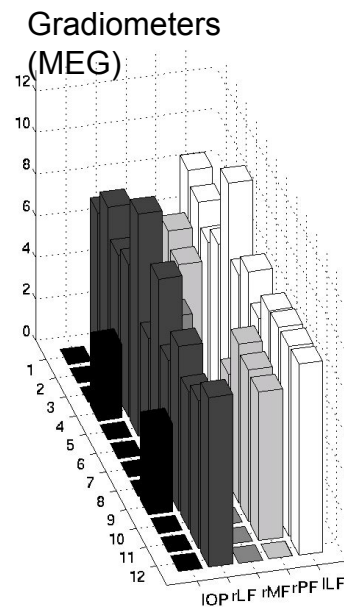
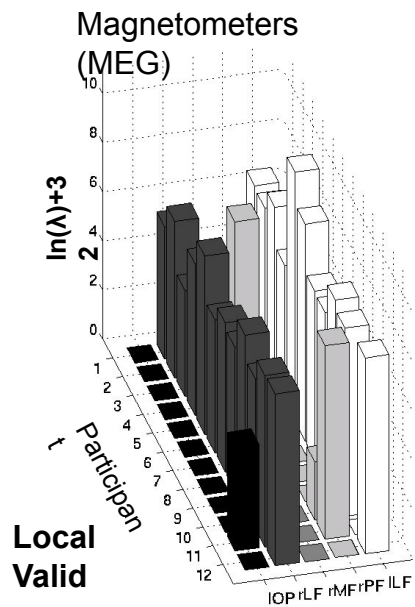
# Inverse Problem: Temporal



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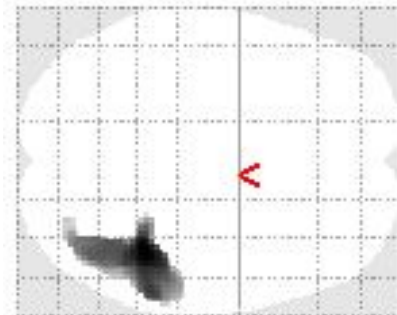
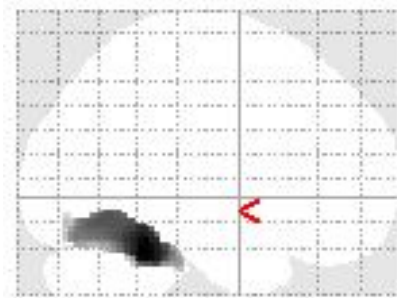
# 3.2. Fusion of MEG+fMRI

fMRI hyperparameters



# Multi-subject Integration: Results

MMN + 3 fMRI priors



MMN + 3 fMRI priors (Group)

